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New Toby Keith signature restaurant now open at WinStar

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – Tribal officials were joined on March 8 by hundreds of Toby Keith fans for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the country music singer's signature restaurant at the Chickasaw Nation's WinStar World Casino.

"We are pleased to see the addition of Toby Keith's signature restaurant at WinStar," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The opening of this unique restaurant not only provides a fresh entertainment option for our patrons, it also offers a great venue for local performers to showcase their talent"

Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by country star Toby Keith, tribal legislators and officials March 8 to cut the ribbon on the singer's signature restaurant at WinStar World Casino. From left are WinStar manager Wayne McCormick, tribal legislators Connie Barker, and Shana Tate Hammond; tribal justice Mark Colbert (partially obscured); legislator Holly Easterling; tribal Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance; Toby Keith; legislator Dean McManus; Gov. Anoatubby; and legislators Mary Jo Green and Nancy Elliott.

Mike McKee

Guests will enjoy live music with no cover charge on Friday and Saturday nights from the best in high-energy national and local bands and entertainers. A number of great acts have been scheduled during the next few months, including Dallas-based bands Red River Mudcats and Southern Drive, Scotty Thurman and the Perfect Trouble Band from Gainesville, Texas, Cody Jinks and other local musical talent.

The restaurant seats 300 customers and is equipped with one VIP room that seats up to 75. The restaurant will provide jobs for more than 175 people.

Named after the singer/songwriter's hit single "I Love This Bar," the 16,000 square-foot restaurant will feature home-cooked, Southern-style fare. The restaurant will also be an entertainment venue featuring live music and dancing. Sixteen HDTV monitors, two big screens for viewing sporting events and more than 100 pieces of Keith memorabilia

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Act reauthorized; Rep. Cole pledges further action

Indian health care boosted by reform

Health care reform legislation recently signed into law includes permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) authored the legislation which is designed to improve health care for 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The bill was a top priority for Dorgan, who hailed its passage as "historic" and as action that will "substantially improve and save lives" in Indian Country.

"It is very appropriate that, as the nation acts to reform the broader health care system, it also recognizes and responds to the urgent need to modernize how we deliver health care to the First Americans," said Sen. Dorgan.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was first passed in 1976 to address health disparities in Indian Country. It was last reauthorized in 2000.

"Permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act seems to signify a sustained commitment by the federal government to better address the health care needs of Native Americans," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We hope this legislation will be a significant step toward a more productive relationship between tribes and the federal government on health care delivery."

In a statement issued by the White House, President Obama said he believed "it is unacceptable that Native American communities still face gaping health care disparities.

"Our responsibility to provide health services to Ameri-

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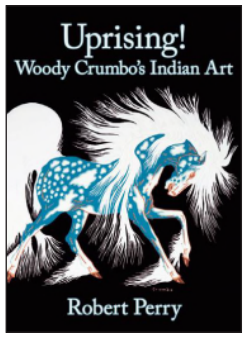
Chickasaw Press, Perry's 'Uprising' nominated for 'Book of the Year'

"Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art" has been nominated for "Book of the Year" in the biography category by ForeWord Reviews.



The finalists, representing 360 publishers, were selected from 1,400 entries in 60 categories.

Written by Chickasaw author Robert Perry, "Uprising!" was published by the Chickasaw Press.

Perry relates Crumbo's story as told by the people who knew Woody Crumbo best - his wife and friends. While much of the story deals with an artist struggling to achieve his dreams, this book also tells the story of a Native American man as he faces both prosperity and difficulties in the 20th century.

"Uprising!" is about the rapid rise of Indian art in his lifetime, so much of the story must be told

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Tribal Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance, center, and Toby Keith respond as Gov. Bill Anoatubby addresses the audience during March 8 ribbon cutting ceremonies for Toby Keith's signature restaurant at WinStar World Casino.

will surround the restaurant.

Another important menu feature is the American Soldier Special - a cheeseburger, "Freedom Fries" and a drink served free of charge to any military personnel with valid military ID.

The WinStar World Casino location is the sixth restaurant opened by Mr. Keith. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and Friday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.

About Toby Keith

Toby Keith

Toby Keith has been among the top musical performers in any genre throughout this past decade, and is ranked among the top selling artists in all genres at #3 on Billboard's Top 200 Artists of the Decade.

He was also named Billboard's #1 Country Artist of the Decade and #1 Country Songwriter of the Decade, and was honored by Nashville Songwriters Association International, which awarded him its prestigious Songwriter/Artist of the Decade Award.

He is a three-time BMI Country Artist/Songwriter of the Year with his catalog generating more than 65 million performances. Mr. Keith's business empire is as expansive as his hit-making ability, encompassing restaurants, movies, a clothing line and his own record label.

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can Indians and Alaska Natives derives from the nation-to-nation relationship between the federal and tribal governments," said President Obama. "And today, with this bill, we have taken a critical step in fulfilling that responsibility by modernizing the Indian health care system and improving access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, said he hoped the bill would be a step toward increased funding for Indian health services.

"This is a good initial investment, but we are going to have to continue to make investments over a number of years," said Rep. Cole.

The Obama administration, he said, had requested increases in the Indian health care budget in 2010 and additional increases in 2011.

Rep. Cole said that while he was proud of the Chickasaw Nation investments in health care, those investments do not negate the responsibility of the federal government.

"Look at the hospital in Ada," he said. "Look at the health care facilities that have been upgraded, and the services that have been expanded. As we've been successful, we've put a significant amount of money as a tribe back into the health and well being of our people.

"That's been a good thing. But the federal government at the end of the day has a trust responsibility here and needs to live up to it. So more money is in order and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure those funds are appropriated and directed toward Indian health care."

U.S. Indian Health Service Director Yvette Roubideaux said the legislation should allay fears some have that health care reform would negatively affect Indian health care.

"Some have expressed worry that IHS would no longer exist with the passage of U.S. health insurance reform legislation," Roubideaux wrote on her blog site. "This is incorrect. The IHS is still here, and the passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reaffirms that IHS is here to stay – permanently."

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through Woody Crumbo's art. As a result, this book contains many photos of the artist's paintings and sculptures.

Robert Perry

Winners will be determined by a panel of librarians and booksellers selected from ForeWord readers. Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners, as well as Editor's Choice Prizes for Fiction and Nonfiction will be announced at a special program at BookExpo America in New York City on May 25.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Chickasaw Council of Elders that advises on tribal cultural issues, an emeritus board member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, and a board member of Chickasaw Press. He is a member of the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers. Other books by Mr. Perry include "Life with the Little People" and "The Turkey Feather Cape."

Chickasaw Press publishes books on Chickasaw history, traditions and culture for the reading public

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Major provisions in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

The Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization and Extension Act of 2009 signed into law as part of the federal health care reform bill updates and modernizes basic Indian health care programs.

Major provisions in the new law will do the following:

· Permanently re-authorize all current Indian health care programs.

· Authorize a comprehensive youth suicide prevention effort.

· Authorize programs to increase the recruitment and retention of health care professionals, such as updates to the scholarship program, demonstration programs which promote new, innovative models of health care, to improve access to health care for Indians and Alaska Natives.

· Authorize long-term care, including home health care, assisted living, and community based care. Current law provides for none of these forms of long-term care.

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Circumstances change, but our tribal mission never varies

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Every good house is built on a solid foundation. There can be no substitute for a firm, substantial footing, and when we talk about a house, we are talking about physical elements.

When we talk about a program, a business or a tribe, we are focusing on the essential support systems that make the entity successful.

We are greatly blessed at the Chickasaw Nation to have a tribe with a rock-solid foundation.

Many of our elders will recall when we sometimes felt as if we were on shifting sands. The mid-20th Century environment in which tribal nations operated was not particularly favorable. Many would even characterize those times as a period of daily struggle – and they would be correct.

It is important to understand the small steps taken by the tribe during those challenging times.

The Chickasaw Nation was utterly dependent on the federal government for its scarce programs and services. There were no tribal businesses or other entities that might conceivably contribute to the tribe's dreams and initiatives. There were even no tribal elections until later in the period.

The Chickasaw people could access only the barest education, housing, health care, nutrition and other programs. What we had was each other. That unbreakable connection continues to this day, and 50 years ago, it was the singular bond that held us all together. We all had the belief things could get better if we built on our cultural foundation of perseverance and achievement.

During the decades of the 1970s and 1980s, we learned how to better access and utilize the federal funds on which we depended for basic services. We became familiar with representatives and officials who could assist us on our drive to build that solid tribal foundation.

During this time, it became clear we could not, over time, sustain the healthy, robust programs and services we envisioned on federal largesse alone. For the Chickasaw people to grab hold of the tremendous education, health care, housing and other opportunities we as a tribe envisioned, the Chickasaw Nation would have to grow.

Growth, to us, equaled self-sufficiency and Chickasaw opportunity. We embarked upon a course of tribal commercial expansion with the goal of a vibrant and self-sufficient nation dedicated to improving the lives of its people.

Our growth was not without its fits and starts. Anyone who has engaged in business knows the keys to success most often lie in an organization's ability to adapt and respond positively to challenges. Our tribe learned to adapt and base decisions on commercial reality and environment.

In the 1990s, the Chickasaw Nation began to break through and hit its stride. We built businesses on a firm base of market evaluation, conservative projections and management follow-through. We built our quality management team from within, and that has proved a strong and essential pillar in our success.

Today, our elders can recall the days of struggle, and fully appreciate our current reality. We always remember it is our people we serve, and our entities that provide the financial foundation are in place strictly to serve the Chickasaw people. The times have changed, but our mission has never varied.

It is with great pride that we point to our successes in commerce. However, the real proof of our success is the new Chickasaw university graduate; the new home welcoming a Chickasaw family; Chickasaw elders gathering for a nutritious meal and fellowship; the finest health care for our people.

Together we have accomplished much, and together the opportunities for future service are limitless.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy auditions set for April and May

ADA, Okla. - Preparations are under way for the fifth annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, set for July 19 through July 31.

Taking place on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla., the academy provides Chickasaw and other youth, ages 8 to 19, the opportunity to work intensively with top arts professionals.

Interested students must complete the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy application and submit to the Division of Arts and Humanities office by April 5.

Level II students (age 13-19) are required to audition. The auditions help the coordinators assess the individual ability of each student for appropriate placement in the academy.

Students must schedule an audition time with the division.

Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at the University of Central Oklahoma School of Music, Edmond, and on Saturday, May 1 at Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at East Central University.

Deadline for scheduling auditions at UCO is Wednesday, April 14 and Wednesday April 28 is the last day to schedule an audition at ECU.

While Chickasaw students have priority, other Native American and non-Native students are encouraged to apply.

During the academy, a dozen specialized instructors provide detailed and culturally sensitive guidance in several disciplines including music composition, literary arts, textile designs, visual arts, video production, vocal music, dance theatre performance and theatre technical.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Mark your calendar: CSAA dates to remember

April 5-Application Deadline
April 14-Audition scheduling deadline, UCO
April 17-Edmond auditions
April 28-Audition scheduling deadline, ECU
May 1-Ada auditions

Jeremy Wallace talks with youth during the 2009 Chikashsha Reunion.

13th Annual Chikashsha Reunion scheduled

Preparations are under way for the 13th annual Chikashsha Reunion.

Chickasaws and guests from across the country will celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition June 4-5 at Kullihoma Stomp Ground.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture has planned several activities for both days. Activities for Friday, scheduled for 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., include cultural demonstrations, a children's tent and a social dance.

Traditional reunion activities will resume on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. and will continue through midnight. These include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, blow gun competition, Squirrel Stick throw, loksi races and stickball games. The night will end with a stomp dance.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1. When coming from Ada, take a right at the sign. Then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Several volunteers are needed to help with various activities.

For information, or to volunteer, call Terry Haney (580) 332-8685.

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Spring Elders Day is May 7 at Kullihoma

The Chickasaw Nation's Spring Elders Day is set for 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 7 at Kullihoma.

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture. A semiannual event, Elders Day honors our tribal elders and provides opportunities for elders to share their knowledge about the culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

"This is a time where the elders can get together and talk about the past," said Eddie Postoak, director of the Cultural Resources Department.

Elders will engage in traditional beading, dance, language and hymns. They will also enjoy a traditional lunch.

Kullihoma is located seven miles east of Ada, Okla., on State Highway 1.

For more information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

Informal gatherings become important events

Annual Meetings have reflected tribal government's growth

Organizers of the 1960 Chickasaw Annual meeting had set their sights on revitalizing the Chickasaw Nation tribal government. Jess Humes, Reverend Jonas Imotichey, Abijah Colbert, Emmet Seeley, Bob Kingsbury and Bob Harris were among the organizers of that first meeting, according to Governor Emeritus Overton James.

Members of the group had met informally several times, eventually asking if Mr. James would be willing to seek the position as governor.

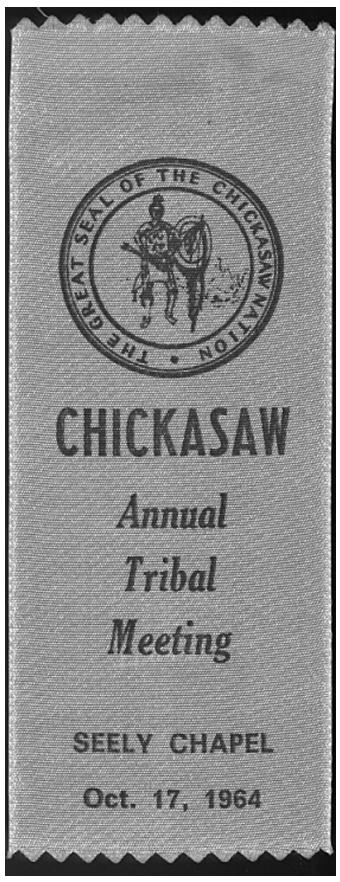
"Those informal meetings led me to believe we needed to call a meeting and invite all the people to come to this (1960) meeting," said Gov. James, adding that they sent letters to Chickasaws and reports to newspapers inviting Chickasaws to attend.

"We probably had 150 to 200 people the first time. It was still very informal," said Gov. James. "I tried to inform the people of some of the possibilities we could have if we got organized as a tribe."

In 1963, James took the oath of office at Seeley Chapel after being appointed governor by President John F. Kennedy.

Numbers attending the annual meeting continued to grow, and the location was changed to Byng Schools in the late 1960s when Seeley Chapel could no longer accommodate the crowds.

While serving four two-year terms, Gov. James continued to push for tribal elections.



Ribbon from the 1964 Annual Meeting

"I had always felt like we should have a democratic process and the people should be the ones to determine who the governor was and not the federal government," said Gov. James.

He added that the governor became an appointed position in 1906 when the federal government planned to abolish the tribal government.

"They said 'we'll do away with their government, but we've got to have someone to sign legal documents – to be the legal representative of the tribe - so we will make that position an appointed position so they will be responsible to the federal government, and not to the tribe,'" said Gov. James. "They didn't get everything completed."

In 1970, federal legislation was passed which enabled the Chickasaw Nation, and the other Five Tribes, to elect a principal officer.

In 1971, Gov. James became the first elected Chickasaw governor since Oklahoma statehood. Chickasaws cast their votes at polling places set up throughout the Chickasaw Nation in towns including Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur and Madill.

While he was the only tribal official at that time, Gov. James organized an advisory council to assist in decision making. He said the nine member group served as a kind of "sounding board" to help ensure he was making decisions which would be in the best interest of the Chickasaw people.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Overton James presents U.S. Rep. Carl Albert a peace pipe as LaDonna Harris looks on during the 1964 Annual Meeting at Seeley Chapel.

Asked about major events during those early years, Gov. James responded, "just about everything we did was pretty major, because when you start from nothing, everything is major."

Early tribal services included the Community Health Representative program and the Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

The Chickasaw Housing Authority was also established during those early years.

"We had to get enabling legislation passed through the Oklahoma legislature before we could form a housing authority," said Gov. James. "Reservation-based Indians since 1936 had housing authorities with subsidies from the federal government. When we applied the federal government said 'no, you're not eligible, you've got to go through the state.'"

After encountering some early opposition, he took his case to the Oklahoma Speaker of the House, J.D. McCarty.

"I explained to him that the housing authority would provide affordable housing to eligible Indians, it would not cost the state a penny, the state would not have to monitor it, supervise it – it would be no responsibility at all of the state, Gov. James said.

"And he said 'I can't see why anyone would be opposed to that. I'll see if I can get it done.' And he did. He got it passed."

In 1972, the Chickasaw Nation purchased a motel in Sulphur and changed the name to the Chickasaw Motor Inn, which was the first business owned and operated by the tribe.

"It was the beginning of our long-range goals of eventually becoming self-sufficient," Gov. James said. "We needed to get into profit-making activities so we could be self sufficient."

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Will you share your memories with us?

Fifty years of Annual Meetings will be recognized October 2, 2010, during the 50th celebration of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

Many exciting activities and events are planned to remember 50 years of Annual Meetings as well as historic Chickasaw events and important milestones that have occurred from 1960 to present day.

As a special 2010 Annual Meeting project, the tribal Division of Communications, Media and Community Development is gathering photos and memorabilia to help make the event special.

You can help make this project great by sharing your Annual Meeting items and memories with our staff. Photos and memorabilia may be submitted by mailing your items to:

Annual Meeting Project
c/o Chickasaw Nation
900 North Mississippi Ave.
Ada, OK 74820

Examples include photos from past annual meetings, invitations, flyers, posters, newspaper clippings or other historical documents that will make the 50th celebration a memorable occasion.

With all submissions, please include your name, return mailing address and phone number. A description of any items or photos (including dates, locations, photos identifications or other supporting information) is greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development at annualmeetingproject@chickasaw.net.

All items submitted will be processed and returned to the owner in a timely manner. Submission of items does not guarantee publication. The Chickasaw Nation is not responsible for items that may be lost or damaged by postal mailing services.

Recognized by OKC Advertising Club

Tribal marketing professionals honored for creative excellence

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation was honored for creative excellence during the annual ADDY Awards, Feb. 27 in Oklahoma City. The event is hosted by the Oklahoma City Advertising Club.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Marketing Department earned a total of 35 awards during the advertising industry's largest competition.

Along with Ackerman McQueen advertising agency, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce earned 12 gold ADDYs, 10 silver and 13 bronze awards for promotional materials for Riverwind Casino, WinStar World Casinos and other tribal businesses.

Members of the Oklahoma City Advertising Club, a chapter of the American Advertising Federation, selected the award winners.

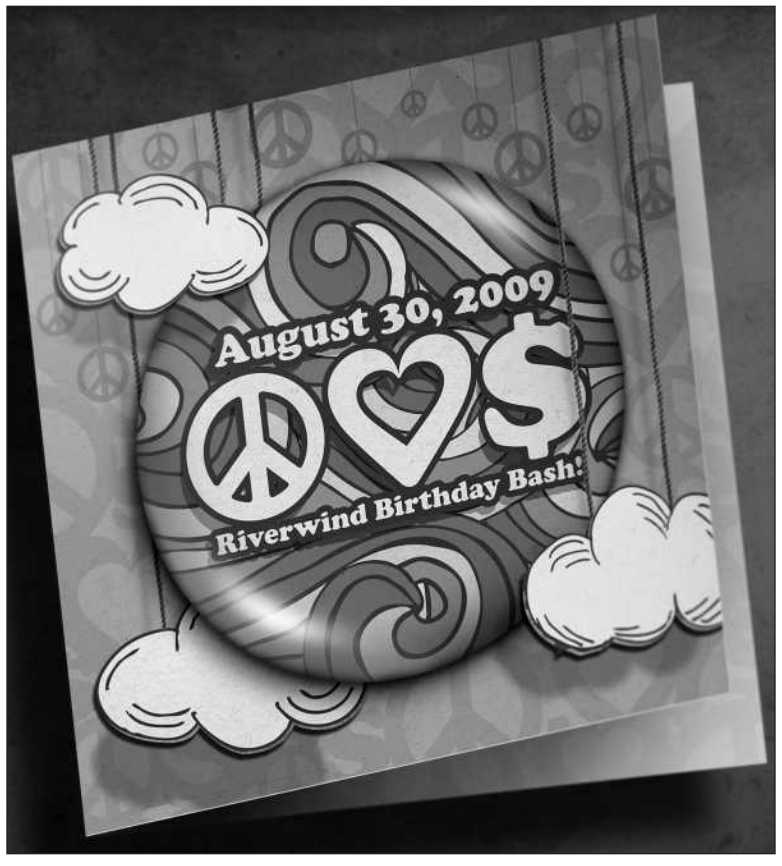
"The Division of Commerce Marketing Department continues to achieve excellence in their efforts to promote all Chickasaw Nation businesses," said Bill Lance, tribal Division of Commerce administrator. "These awards are well-deserved by our creative, dedicated staff."

The Division of Commerce Marketing Department is led by Andrea Horner, chief marketing officer. Since the department was formed in 2005, it has been recognized with more than 100 different awards.

The 12 gold and 10 silver awards will now be entered in the regional competition which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The 35 award-winning campaigns were for graphic design, campaign and promotional brochures, invitations and materials as well as television and radio commercials and logo designs. The following is a breakdown of the awards:

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Marketing Department recently won a gold Addy award for this Riverwind Casino stationery. The honor was one of 35 the tribal marketing professionals received in the Addy competition.



Riverwind Casino's "Peace, Love & Cash" campaign earned several awards, including a gold Addy for this VIP invitation and save the date card.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Marketing Department Awards

ADDY award- Special Event Material: Campaign- Peace, Love & Cash VIP Invitation and Save-the-Date Card- Riverwind Casino

ADDY award- Collateral Material: Stationary Package- Riverwind Hotel Stationary- Riverwind Hotel

ADDY award- Direct Marketing: Peace, Love & Cash VIP Invitation- Riverwind Casino

Silver Award-Product or Service Sales Presentation Kit: Sales Kit WinStar World Casino

Silver Award-Poster-Peace, Love & Cash- Riverwind Casino

Silver Award-Poster- WinStar City Plaza Poster Campaign- WinStar World Casino

Silver Award- Mixed/ Multiple Media: Local- Peace, Love & Cash Event Campaign- Riverwind Casino

Silver Award- Mixed/ Multiple Media: Local- Around the World in 5 Days New Year's Eve Event Campaign- WinStar World Casino

Silver Award- Mixed/ Multiple Media: Local- Branding Campaign- WinStar World Casino

Silver Award-Logo- Peace, Love & Cash- Riverwind Casino

Silver Award- Logo- Aces Lounge Logo- WinStar World Casino Hotel

Silver Award- Vehicle Graphic Advertising- V16 Vehicle Ad- WinStar World Casino

Silver Award- Collateral Material: Stationary Package- Global Gaming Solutions Stationary- Global Gaming Solutions

Bronze Award- Poster- Around the World in 5 Days- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award-Poster- Go Green Giveaway Poster- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award-Poster- New Year's Eve Celebration - WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award- Poster- Riverwind Table Game Promotions- Riverwind Casino

Bronze Award- Special Event Material: Invitation- Once in a Blue Moon New Year's Eve VIP Invitation- Riverwind Casino

Bronze Award- Special Event Material: Invitation- Around the World in 5 Days New Year's Eve VIP Invitation- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award-Local Radio-Game-play Poetry- Riverwind Casino & Hotel

Bronze Award- Logo- Around the World in 5 Days Logo- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award-Logo- Winning Picks Logo- WinStar World Casino Hotel

Bronze Award- Collateral Material: Stationary Package- WinStar RV Park Stationary- WinStar World Casino RV Park

The following represent joint wins between the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce and Ackerman McQueen.

ADDY Award- Television: Local TV :30- Hallowin TV- Riverwind Casino

ADDY Award- Television: Local Campaign- Riverwind TV Campaign- Riverwind Casino

ADDY Award- Television: Regional/ National Campaign- WinStar 'Poker Slang' Campaign- WinStar World Casino

ADDY Award- Television: Regional/ National Campaign- WinStar 'Blackjack Slang' Campaign- WinStar World Casino

ADDY Award- Mixed Multiple Media: Consumer Regional/ National- WinStar WWCS Campaign- WinStar World Casino

ADDY Award- Mixed Multiple Media: Consumer Regional/ National WinStar 'Poker Slang' Campaign- WinStar World Casino

ADDY Award- Elements of Advertising: Animation or Special Effects- Day Tripper TV- WinStar World Casino

ADDY Award- Elements of Advertising: Animation or Special Effects- Peace, Love & Cash- Riverwind Casino

ADDY Award- Elements of Advertising: Sound Music with Lyrics- Peace, Love & Cash- Riverwind Casino

Bronze Award- Television: Local Campaign- Monsters of the World- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award- Mixed Multiple Media: Consumer Regional/ National- Monsters Campaign- WinStar World Casino

Bronze Award- Television: Regional/ National Campaign- Day Tripper TV Campaign- WinStar World Casino.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the ADDY awards

The ADDY program is unique among all advertising competitions in that it is comprised of three rigorous levels of judging beginning at the local club level, moving on to regional competitions and ultimately advancing to the national/ international finals.

Legislative building is for the Chickasaw citizens

HOLLY EASTERLING

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you may know by now, the Legislature and Judicial Departments have recently occupied new buildings located in the 800 block of North Mississippi Street in Ada. The new buildings are absolutely gorgeous; however, it is what the buildings represent that really causes me to stop in awe and wonder.

A short 27 years ago, a small group of Chickasaws and a BIA arbitrator sat together and hammered out the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation. A short while later, on August 27, 1983, to be exact, the Chickasaw voters ratified the Constitution and our government was reborn. Pursuant to the Constitution, a Governor and Lt. Governor, 13 Legislators and three Tribal Judges were elected and sworn in. Today, some 27 years later, our Nation not only continues to bring that document to life, it flourishes with increased citizenship rolls, larger land base and diversified businesses that provide many programs for all Chickasaws wherever they may call home. We have truly come a long way!

The evolution of the new Legislative Building deserves to be remembered. We only need to visit the Council House Museum in Tishomingo to experience the first legislative building in Oklahoma, a small log building with a dirt floor. Next door to the Museum is the Historical Capitol which housed the three branches of government from its construction in 1898 until shortly after statehood (1907) when it was sold to Johnston County. Under the Constitution of 1983, the Legislature was assigned an office in the headquarters building, the first tribal building to be erected in Ada. The Legislature held its committee meetings and sessions in the large conference room. The Tribal Court shared the same accommodations so all three branches of government were under one roof again. That building still stands as our headquarters but has been renovated and redecorated over the years. It is today the nicest tribal headquarters building around.

Twenty years ago, a simple, by today's standards anyway, building was erected on the headquarters campus in Ada and it became the new Legislative building. A few years later, it was named for David Stout, a Legislator who died young while in office. Over the years the David Stout Building became too small and not indicative of the success the Nation has enjoyed; therefore, a new Legislative Building was in order.

The Nation went above and beyond to produce a building that is spectacular to view and large enough to accommodate all perceived needs today and in the future. The new building demands total dedication to the cause of our Nation from all who work there.

But the nicest part of the new buildings is to know that they do not belong to us - the elected officials and staff of the two departments. Rather, they belong to you Chickasaw citizens who reap the benefits today and to our generations to come in the future.

Please join us on April 19th, 9:30 am, to officially open the Legislative and Judicial Buildings with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The signs of Chickasaw history are all around us

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Danielle Dameron and her sister, Jakki were guests at the Achille Senior Center last month. The sisters sang many songs for the luncheon crowd. Both of the girls are members of the choir at Tishomingo High School. They have competed in All-State Choir, Circle the State and several other competitions. Recently, the sisters performed a duet for competition and scored a #1 ranking, qualifying them for State Competition to be conducted later this spring in Tulsa. Danielle is a junior at THS and enjoys reading and drawing in her spare time. Jakki is a freshman this year and in her spare time she likes creative writing and reading. Both girls have been involved in choir since fifth grade. Their biggest fans and supporters are parents, Paul and Robin Dameron, of Tishomingo, and their little brother, Timothy.

Grandparents are John and the late Ivy'lys Dameron, of Claremore, Okla., and Larry and Katrinka Skinner of Achille, Okla.

The sisters plan to continue their singing and competition. Tishomingo High School Choir will have this Chickasaw Duet for at least one more year. Good Luck girls, at State Choir competition.

If you have similar stories of Chickasaws doing exciting things please share them.

I hope all of you enjoyed the poem, BEACH ON RED RIVER (1923), by Grace Lloyd. After last month's article, I decided to take a short trip to the Carpenter's Bluff Bridge and take a few pictures to send Grace. As I drove along, it came to my attention that Chickasaw history was all around me. On the left, I passed the pasture entrance to Bloomfield Cemetery and then on the right, I passed the site of Bloomfield Academy. As I walked on the old portion of the bridge, I tried to imagine what life was like in 1923. The road was not paved, the river probably looked different and all the brush, trees and undergrowth was not like 2010. Life was slower. People exchanged greetings when they crossed the Red River. Interaction between neighbors took place! In her poem, Grace shared her memory of picnicking down at the River….When was the last time you went on a picnic? Ok, so it has been winter time…but spring is here. I challenge you to set a date for a picnic. Slow down and capture the positives of the past, present and future.

Danielle and Jakki Dameron

A good place to start is the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center this summer or how about the Annual Festival in October? I hope to see you there!

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person. Colossians 4: 6

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Ardmore Clinic on track for significant expansion

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello everyone,

I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer spring weather. Sadly enough, along with spring comes seasonal allergies and hay fever. If you are one of the unlucky ones who suffers from allergies, you know how important it is to have access to quality healthcare right at home.

As a Legislator and Chickasaw Citizen, I am so pleased that healthcare is in the forefront of the Nation's future projects. As our population grows, the need for additional out-patient services and space grows.

Renovations at the Ardmore clinic are well under way with planned expansions to the existing building, but with projected primary care visits of over 24,000 just expanding the old building will not provide the space that is needed to serve the approximately 6,000 patients who seek healthcare at the Ardmore Clinic.

In July of 2009, the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature passed a resolution which approved the participation of the Chickasaw Nation in the Indian Health Services Joint Venture Construction Program and in December the Indian Health Services selected the Ardmore Clinic as a participant in the joint program. As a result, the Ardmore clinic will not only receive a face lift, there will be a new facility built adjacent to the existing building. The selection of the Chickasaw Nation to participate in the Joint Venture Project will allow the operational cost to be funded by Indian Health Services with the Nation being responsible for the design, construction and equipment funding. The project planning will include 21 medical examination rooms, 15 dental chairs, digital x-ray, behavioral health services and state of the art ultrasound. Plans for the new facility ground breaking are expected to start in October 2010 with the approximate completion date of July 2012. The 68,000 square foot facility will be supported by 100 additional health care workers, 3 primary care physicians and additional mid-level practitioners.

While the Healthcare Division of the Nation is busy making future expansion plans, work goes on with diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. As a member of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, I have witnessed first hand the on going fight against such a debilitating disease and am proud to represent all Chickasaw Nation citizens who suffer from diabetes. During our meetings many tribes come together with a common purpose and that is exploring new ways to secure funding for the treatment and prevention of diabetes.

In the Division of Health for February, 2010, there were 459 internal medicine visits, 986 emergency visits, 889 pediatric encounters, 2,774 same day clinic visits, and 3,558 family practice encounters inclusive of all satellite clinics. There were 38 Obstetric/gynecological deliveries as compared to 33 for the same period last year. There were 254 general surgery visits for the month of February and 309 surgeries performed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Connie Barker

Partnership grant puts health care on front burner

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

As I sit here on the 21st of March watching it snow I am promising myself to be a little more tolerant of little later (couple of months!) of the summer heat. Now if you notice me complaining later you can send me a little mental reprimand! Really, the weather is amazing. Really amazing.

Last month I talked about the improvements to the Ardmore Clinic and now we have more good news. Actually, we have incredibly great news. We are the recipients of a federal "partnership" grant in the amount of $32 million for use on the Ardmore Clinic. The addition provided by this grant will adjoin the present facility and will make it possible for the hiring of more doctors there and also quite a number of support personnel. The staff at the Ardmore Clinic tries very hard to accommodate as many as they possible can but the need is so much greater than the facility can support they are long overdue for this great blessing. Simply: Hooray!! We are thankful!

The Listening Conferences are ongoing again and if you live anywhere near any one of them you would very much enjoy and benefit from attending. The conferences have given insight into more of the needs of our citizens-at-large and have played a large role in many of the benefits now enjoyed and used by our at-large citizens. - More on the way!!

For quite a period of time I have enjoyed a phone friendship with a really wonderful couple from Alabama - Jerry and Shirley Brown. I have spoken of them before because Jerry does what all of us should do. He puts into writing the stories of his family. He tells his family's history in story form for his children, grandchildren and other members of his family. It has been a great gift that he also shares many of them with me. Jerry is a noteworthy writer/storyteller and I have loved the privilege. And it was my great privilege to meet Jerry and Shirley at one of the Listening Conferences!

It is a busy time in the Chickasaw Nation - always, I guess, but we grow more excited as we watch our wondrous, state-of-the-art hospital near completion. It is one-half mile from on end to the other and we kid about the roller skates we are going to need! I'll bet we manage!

Take care, Everyone, and may your blessings be many!

Linda Briggs

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Double check your information - and vote!

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Even though Chickasaw election season seems like it is in the distant future, it is less than 90 days away. I encourage you to vote. Our vote is our voice, and our government serves our people better when there are more voices heard. Voting is not only a privilege, but it is also a responsibility. Voting is also the only sure way we have of holding our government accountable.

It is time to prepare ourselves to vote in this year's elections. The first thing we need to do is make sure we are registered to vote, whether that means registering for the first time or simply verifying that your registration is current.

The best indicator that your registration is current is if the Chickasaw Times is being sent to your home address. Your ballot will be sent to the same address as your copy of the Chickasaw Times.

If you are not receiving a copy of the Chickasaw Times with your name and address on a sticker on the front page, you will not receive a ballot.

To register for the first time or to check your voter registration status, call (580) 310-6475 or (888) 661-0137.

To allow for glitches in the system, start the process now and be diligent in your follow up to ensure you are registered in time to vote. Follow up should include, but not be limited to, phone calls and/or emails to Voter Registration. Rita's email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net and her phone numbers are listed above. The contact for the Chickasaw Times is Vicky Gold. The email address for the Chickasaw Times is times.Chickasaw@chickasaw.net and the phone number is (580) 332-2977.

Remember, our vote is our voice, and together, we can make our voices heard.

Respectfully,

Katie

Reserve your 2010 Programs and Services Directory today!

This directory outlines the numerous programs and services available to you and your family.

The directory offers:

- Information on all programs and services available
- Program descriptions
- Important phone numbers and contact information
- Office locations and hours of operation
- Program requirements
- Detailed index with keywords

To reserve your copy of the 2010 directory, call (866) 466-1481. The directory can also be reserved online by visiting http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.

Enroll your kids in the tribal summer youth camps

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Finally, the first signs of spring are popping up! As the days get longer and warmer, I can hardly wait to start digging. This is the time of year that my dad loved the most. He was a gardener, and he definitely had a "green thumb." During the last years of his life, while battling lung cancer, he still took great pride in his garden. He could grow enough to feed several families on just a small plot of ground. My dad never met a stranger. Anyone who came to the door was welcome to come in and sit awhile and visit.

A great way to get to know people and make friends is to join a Chickasaw Community Council. I have really enjoyed getting to meet many people at community council events recently in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas, and all across Oklahoma. It has been such a joy to get to know you and see you all taking an active interest in your Chickasaw heritage. As we have visited about the things going on with the Chickasaw Nation and our families, we found that we have many common friends and interests. Hearing over and over again the many positive ways people have been helped by our programs and services greatly encourages me. I know we are making a difference in the lives of our people. I would like to encourage you all to make an effort to find a community council near you and become involved.

This is also the time of year to get your kids and grandkids enrolled in the many summer youth camps and programs available from the Chickasaw Nation. You can find out about all that is offered at the website, www.chickasaw.net, or in the Program and Services Guide. These are great ways to learn more about our heritage and culture, while building relationships and making lifelong friends.

Take time to enjoy the many opportunities available during this wonderful season!

Sincerely,

Nancy

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK

(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Education programs reaching lots of students

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! Spring in Oklahoma is so beautiful! We welcome warmer temperatures since we had the most snow in 20 years over the winter.

To all you students that will graduate soon, get your information to the Chickasaw Times as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing your picture and information in an upcoming issue of the Times.

For those students who have maintained all A's in class, contact the Division of Education and ask about the stoles they present to students to be worn with cap and gown, both inside and outside the Nation. You can also contact the Division of Education to learn about financial aid (the application is on-line at www.chickasaw.net) and assistance for taking the college entrance exams. The phone number for the Division of Education is 580.421.7711.

Several Legislators attended the JOM conference in Tulsa recently. The Byng School System received the Exemplary Award at the awards banquet. This is a high honor for Byng schools and we send our congratulations to them.

We currently have over 242 children participating in the Reading Program. Thirteen students are enrolled in the High Reach Curriculum and they are advancing at an accelerated pace. In the Childcare for Working Parents program last month, we provided services to 180 children. There is currently a waiting list.

We have a Sick Childcare program where parents can bring children who are sick with colds or other minor maladies. If the child develops a fever, the parents are called so they can take the child to a doctor. This program allows the parents to work their normal hours and rest assured that their children are being cared for by professionals.

"Metal Mayhem" is a robotics team comprised of 14 Chickasaw students representing Ada, Allen, Byng, Latta and Edmond North high schools. The team was created to demonstrate leadership, ingenuity and a dedication to the worlds of science, technology, engineering and math. The team enters contests where they are allotted six weeks to design, construct and program a working robot that succeeds within certain perimeters developed by the contest sponsor.

Metal Mayhem recently entered the Dallas regional contest. Even though there are some 3,000 teams each year, Mayhem was the only Oklahoma team at the Dallas regional. It was their hope to produce a winning robot that would send them to the national contest in Atlanta, Georgia. The results were not available at publication time. Last year, the team compiled over $90K in scholarship money for their senior members.

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Thank you.

At-Large citizens taking advantage of programs

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Happy Spring! It was an unusual start to spring with the snow our state received, but nevertheless, we are on our way to warmer weather.

I would like to thank all the at-large community councils who have welcomed us the past few months. Several of us visited Arizona, California and New Mexico community councils throughout February and March. What a wonderful, warm welcome we received from all of them. It is such a blessing to be able to meet Chickasaws from all over the country. At each meeting, we were amazed at the connections we found far away from Oklahoma. We discussed their family's Oklahoma roots and found that some of us may even be related.

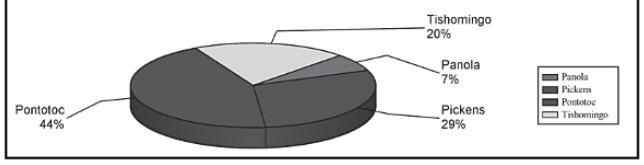
I was pleasantly surprised that so many of our at-large citizens are taking advantage of several of our wonderful programs and services. I have spoken to many families who have children in college and are very appreciative of all the financial support they receive. Their comments to me were that they couldn't send their kids to college without the help of the Chickasaw Nation. And how proud they are to be Chickasaws!

I will continue to visit as many community councils as I can, both at-large and within the Nation. I continue to be blessed meeting so many wonderful people. I am proud to serve you.

Sincerely,
Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District, Seat 4

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,725	Pontotoc	11,222
Pickens	7,223	Tishomingo	5,077
			25,247



The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Tribal Election Seats Open for Election

Pontotoc District
Seat 5

Pickens District
Seat 3

Panola District
Seat 1

Tishomingo District
Seat 2

Supreme Court
Seat 1

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election 2010 Primary Election Schedule

June 7-9:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
June 11:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
June 14:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
June 14:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)
June 28:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
July 6:
Voter registration closes.
July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.
July 12:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
July 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher.
July 27:
2010 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
July 27:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
July 30:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Run-Off Election Schedule (If Needed)

August 2:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)
August 16:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
August 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
August 31:
2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
September 3:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Trees, flowers, sod and more

New program offers flora variety for homeowners

Chickasaw homeowners have an opportunity to enhance the appearance of their homes by participating in the Chickasaw Landscaping products program.

Open to all Chickasaw homeowners who reside within the tribal boundaries, the Landscaping Products program provides a set number of colorful flowers, shrubs, grasses, trees and lush sod to Chickasaw homeowners.

Participants can select from a wide variety of flora for their home, said Karla Windy Boy, program director.

The greenery and turf are grown at Chickasaw Farms in Davis, Oklahoma.

Will McCracken (kneeling) Kenny Chronister and Floyd Ingram, with Chickasaw Farms, install sod at the new Chickasaw Judicial and Legislative buildings, recently. Mike McKee

Chickasaw Farms employee Nick Worcester, uses a state-of-the-art watering table at Chickasaw Farms to care for a variety of plants which are available to Chickasaw citizens through the Landscaping Products program. In addition to working 15 hours per week, Mr. Worcester volunteers about 25 hours per week to tend to the plants and flowers.

Applicants are required to provide proof of residence (utility bill with the applicant's name), proof of home ownership, a completed application and a copy of their Chickasaw citizenship card.

Sod for existing homes is available for pick up at the Chickasaw Farm on Fridays and requesters must call (580) 235-7234, (580) 399-9991 or (580) 399-7568 earlier in the week to request their order. The months of operation are April 15 through October 15.

Applicants must do their own dirt work in preparation for the sod.

Sod installation is also available for new home construction within the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Chickasaw Landscaping Products program or sod, or to request an application, call (580) 436-2603, ext. 21091 or 20712 or email karla.windy-boy@chickasaw.net.

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Tribal businesses complete five months on target

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $10.0 million for the month and $55.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $6.8 million for the month and $35.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $121.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for February totaled $76.5 million and $360.6 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $26.1 million for the month and $108.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $22.9 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2010, the tribal government funds had $104 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $17.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $133 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of February 28, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $910 million compared to $872 million at September 30, 2009 or an increase of $38 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	735,486	360,696,037	361,431,523
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		54,532,909	(54,532,909)	-
Total funds available		55,268,395	306,163,128	361,431,523
Expenditures				
General government		4,232,548		4,232,548
Legislature		910,560		910,560
Judiciary		363,772		363,772
Education		7,287,508		7,287,508
Heritage Preservation		3,446,323		3,446,323
Health		6,267,926		6,267,926
Youth and Family Services		4,049,276		4,049,276
Nutrition Programs		1,893,370		1,893,370
Regulatory		2,420,830		2,420,830
Assistance Programs		4,325,247		4,325,246
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			207,575,835	207,575,835
Other businesses' expense			75,653,305	75,653,305
Total expenditures		35,197,359	283,229,140	318,426,499
Increase in net assets		20,071,036	22,933,988	43,005,024
Beginning net assets		371,468,365	495,790,033	867,258,398
Ending net assets	$	391,539,401	518,724,021	910,263,422

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
February 28, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	104,912,546	133,822,671	238,735,217
Receivables		41,122,795	19,755,137	60,877,932
Inventory			5,253,129	5,253,129
Prepaid expenses			14,428,304	14,428,304
Other Assets			21,709,012	21,709,012
Fixed assets		247,146,190	495,429,861	742,576,051
Less payables		(1,642,130)	(171,674,094)	(173,316,224)
Net Assets	$	391,539,401	518,724,021	910,263,422

'We love our grandparents'

Foster Grandparents honored for work with special-needs kids

Delta Community Action Foster Grandparents
Presented this 12th day of March, 2010, to
Shirley Brown
With our appreciation for 3 Years
Of outstanding volunteer service.
Delta Community Action Foster Grandparents
Presented this 12th day of March, 2010, to
Mary Russell
With our appreciation for
Outstanding volunteer service.

Foster Grandparents Shirley Brown, left, and Mary Russell and were honored for their years of service at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Ardmore during the 29th Annual Foster Grandparent Recognition luncheon, March 12 at the Chickasaw Culinary Arts Academy in Ardmore.

Twenty-five Foster Grandparents, many who work in Chickasaw Nation facilities, were honored for their service during the 29th annual appreciate luncheon, conducted in Ardmore last month. Front row from left, Darlean Rankin, Mary Kay Russell, Georgia Douglas, Dean Crabaugh, Shirley Brown, and Hulean Hoskins. Second row from left, Loretha Gordon, Rose Williams, Alice Bowen Helen Bartlett and Charlene Trammell. Third row from left, Corine Shannon, Mary McHenry, Sue Andrews, Brenda Bell, Shirley Pickens, Mary Alexander and Dorothy Holt (Ardmore area coordinator). Fourth row from left, Juanita Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, LaQuita Hall, Patsy Hook, Peggy Purvey, Myrtle Williamson, Dorothy Shumaker, Clevonna Jones and Mynan Hutto (Foster Grandparent program director).

More than two dozen Foster Grandparents were honored during the 29th Annual Delta Community Action Foster Grandparent Recognition luncheon, Friday, March 12 at the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy in Ardmore, Okla.

Foster Grandparents who serve in classrooms in Carter, Marshall, Johnston and Murray counties were honored for a combined 384 years of service.

Foster Grandparents is a federal program that matches senior citizens to special-needs children in the classroom.

The program is celebrating its 45th year this year.

"Lyndon Johnson decided the grandparent has a role in children's life and signed the Foster Grandparent program into existence," said Foster Grandparent Program Director Mynan Hutto.

Foster Grandparents, she said, provide a variety of educational assistance, nurturing and support for students, easing the burden of the classroom teacher.

"The grandparents and the children get a lot out of this program."

Attendees at the luncheon work in Ardmore, Davis, and Sulphur Public Schools, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, the Community Ardmore's Children's Shelter, and area Head Starts including the Chickasaw Nation, INCA and Big 5 Head Start. Two Foster Grandparents, Adell Martin and LaQuita Hall, work at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston.

"We love our grandparents, they take care of us and they take care of our school," said Eva Wells, an administrator from Will Rogers Elementary School in Ardmore.

Malcolm Williams, director of the Community Children's Shelter in Ardmore, spoke to the group and praised his Foster Grandparent, Corine Shannon.

"You carry out a very big role in your assigned position," Williams said. "You don't know the huge impact you have on the children's lives."

Chickasaw citizen Helen Bartlett was honored for five years of service at the INCA Head Start in Mill Creek.

Mary Russell and Shirley Brown were also honored for their services at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Ardmore.

"I enjoy spending time with the children. It is very fulfilling," said Russell.

Chickasaw Nation and Foster Grandparents

The Chickasaw Nation's affiliation with the Foster Grandparent program began in 1980 when Governor Overton James implemented the program at Carter Seminary.

"It was the only Foster Grandparent site in Carter County, 15 grandparents worked in the dorm," said Dorothy Holt, Ardmore Foster Grandparent area coordinator.

Today, the Delta Community Action oversees schools in six counties, Carter, Marshall, Johnston, Murray, Stephens and Comanche.

Twenty-five Foster Grandparents received a certificate and a pin during the ceremony.

Those honored include: Dean Crabaugh, (23 years), Dorothy Childs, (22 years), Rose Williams, (21 years), Myrtle Williamson, (20 years), Armetha Richard, (15 years), Juanita Kennedy, Lucille Scoggins (12 years), Mildred Milburn, Virginia Keener, (11 years), Darlean Rankin, Cornelia Turrentine, Mildred McGee, (10 years), Mary Evans, Dorothy Shumaker, Dorothy Cousins, (nine years), Irma Lacy, Mary McHenry, Naomi Richardson, Alice Bowen, Irene Fleming, June Woodson (eight years), Norman Smart, Mary Alexander, Catherine Berry (seven years), Curtis Richardson, Corine Shannon, LaQuita Hall, Adell Martin, (six years), Lillie Hall, Helen Bartlett, Cleo Hampton, Charlene Trammell, Ellen Mathews, Wanda Welch, LaDoris Peterson (five years), Georgia Douglas, James Sterling, Sue Andrews, Patsy Hook (four years), Hulean Hoskins, Loretha Gordon, Vernell Callins, Shirley Brown, Juanita Cottrell, Othella Brown, (three years) Mary Hays, Lupe Butler, Judy Browder, and Jimmie Cottrell, (two years), Peggy Purvey, Carolyn Buckley, Brenda Bell, Dora Hutchinson, Annette Fleming, Dorothy McDuffie, Shirley Pickens, Barbara Suitor Willie Toles and Jim Browder, (one year).

New volunteers were also recognized including: Ruby Mathews, Billie Kay Roberts, Ada Johnson, Clevonna Jones, Margie Louis, Johnny Bagby, Gladys Hughes, Harold Hughes, Glyna Scott, Catherine Cousin, Armella McKindra and Mary Harris.

The Foster Grandparents program is a federally funded program by the Corporation for National and Community Service and Foster Grandparents Senior Corps.

For more information about the Foster Grandparent program, contact Mynan Hutto or Karen Nichols, Delta Community Action executive director at 580-252-4085.

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Summer stomp dance dates set for Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - Citizens are invited to several upcoming stomp dances hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture at Kullihoma.

"Stomp dancing is a way to be a part of history, said Lanny North, Chickasaw Dance Troupe coordinator.

"It is such an integral part of the Chickasaw culture, it's important that we keep it alive."

Each dance occurs on a Friday night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The dates for the upcoming stomp dances are May 7, June 4, July 23 and August 27.

The dances are open to the public with free admission. No drugs or alcohol are allowed on the premises and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Kullihoma is seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture at (580) 332-8685.

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Promoting our Native heritage

OKC Cultural Center board inspired by Chickasaw Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center provided a serene and inspirational setting for a recent meeting of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority.

NACEA, the board which oversees the construction and operation of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, conducted its monthly meeting on the Cultural Center campus, near Sulphur, on March 27.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby serves as chairman of NACEA and presided over the meeting.

"It is an honor to work with these individuals who are working diligently to share with others the profound and positive impact American Indians have had on the state of Oklahoma." Gov. Anoatubby said.

Chickasaw Nation Administrator of History and Culture Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham welcomed the group and provided a campus tour and a screening of the "Behind the Scenes" film in the Anoli Theater. Lunch featuring traditional Chickasaw dishes was served in the Aaimpa Café.

"The meeting was exciting and inspirational," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "It was particularly exciting to show the Cultural Center to the NACEA, to meet and collaborate with the board and AICCM staff members."

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is setting the standard for other tribal Cultural Centers, said Dr. Cobb-Greetham, due to Governor's Anoatubby leadership and vision.

"Through his service to the NACEA, Governor Anoatubby is also demonstrating a commitment to share all Native American cultures with the world," she said.

Situated on 109 acres, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is the largest Cultural Center to be built by a single tribe. The American Indian Cultural Center is under construction in Oklahoma City, at the southeast corner of the intersection of I-35 and I-40, and will encompass 298 acres.

NACEA board member David Campbell described the relationship between the two cultural center projects as "symbiotic." The Oklahoma City Center, he said, could serve as a hub for all other Native American Cultural Centers in the state.

"They compliment each other," Campbell said. "Visitors can see the common thread that ties us together, an honest portrayal of the triumphs over trials and tribulation. The Native American resurgence is alive and well and we can present the story as accurately as possible. The fact that we are still here, we've adopted and adapted and the success is ongoing."

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> Chickasaw Nation Governor

During his first tour of the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus, Campbell, a geologist, said he was impressed by the use of native building materials, particularly timber and stone, in the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"I was amazed at how well the Chickasaws and their consultants took advantage of the native topography," he said.

NACEA Director Emeritus Betty Price was moved by the colors and texture of the Cultural Center.

"It is so important to how you feel when you are here," she said. "We are thrilled to have the chance to see this world-class Cultural Center."

Price, who is the former director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, said the Cultural Center will provide a place for all youth to learn about the past and contemplate the future. She also praised Gov. Anoatubby's leadership on the project.

"Our association with Gov. Bill Anoatubby has been an incredible experience," Price said. "He has been supportive of the American Indian Cultural Center project for many years. His leadership is most important not only to Chickasaws and Native Americans, but the entire state of Oklahoma."

Several American Indian Cultural Center staff members attended the meeting and toured the Cultural Center campus for the first time. Among the group was Sue Fish, a Chickasaw citizen who works as the assistant to administration and operations of the American Indian Cultural Center.

"As a Chickasaw, I could not have been more proud of our leaders and all the people who contributed toward the Cultural Center," she said. "I feel our ancestors would be pleased with the work that is being accomplished to carry on their voices about our rich heritage and culture.

"While touring the Cultural Center, I was amazed and excited, but at the same time, a bit nervous. Around every corner, I was in awe at the state-of-the-art technology and the many hours of research and work that went into each phase. While the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum is approximately five years from opening, I could envision our opening day and felt a bit anxious about the years of work still ahead of us. Our staff was very grateful to have had an opportunity to take a sneak peek. We had a very inspiring day."

Fish, a basket weaver, plans to teach basket weaving and revive split cane baskets and mats through programs that will be offered at the Cultural Center. Some of her basketry is included in the exhibits.

"I'm honored and am glad to have a small part in telling our story," she said. "We are truly blessed to have this facility."

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Native American Cultural Educational Authority directors and staff members from the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City tour the Chikashsha Poya Exhibit Center during a March 27 meeting at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The group looks from the Aba' Aanowa' Sky Terrace for a sweeping view of the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Culture and History Administrator Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham welcomes Native American Cultural Educational Authority directors and American Indian Cultural Center and Museum staff during a board meeting at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

About the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority of Oklahoma

Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1994, the purpose of the authority is to construct, maintain, and operate an American Indian Cultural Center and Museum for the benefit of the State of Oklahoma and its Indian and non-Indian citizens.

The focal points of the project will be a proposed museum and interpretive center; a large-format film theater; a Native American arts center; a pow-wow and performance arena; a destination hotel and conference center; restaurants; commercial site locations within the project; and administrative offices.

The project is under construction in Oklahoma City, at the southeast corner of the intersection of I-35 and I-40.

When completed, the American Indian Cultural Center will encompass 298 acres.

BIRTHS

Ainsley Russell

Ainsley Danielle Russell was born Oct. 8, 2009 at 5:12 a.m. at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Ainsley is the daughter of Julie and Daniel Russell, of Tryon, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Darla Norvill Porter, of Ada, Okla., Frank and Judy Russell, of Edmond, Okla., and Greg Norvill, of Oklahoma City.

Ainsley is the great-granddaughter of Betty Jean and the late Joe Kent Abbott and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Barney Abbott, Sr.

Ian Chapa

Ian Joseph Chapa was born Jan. 17, 2010 at 12:44 a.m. at University Medical Center, Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measure 18 inches at birth.

Ian is the son of Ana Cunnetubby, of Lubbock.

He is the grandson of Ricky and Alma Cunningtubby, of Lubbock.

He is the nephew of RJ Cunningtubby, of Lubbock.

He is the great-grandson of Martha Cunningtubby, of Everett, Wash., and the late Clyde Cunningtubby, of Hobbs, N.M.

His great-aunts and great-uncles are Robbie and Rodney Cunneutubby-Jones, of Everett, and Reta and Pedro Gonzales-Cunneutubby, of Seattle.

He has been a pleasure and gret joy to have in our family. We have all been extremely blessed with our new little addition.

BIRTHDAY

RJ Cunningtubby

RJ Cunningtubby turned seven years old March 13, 2010. He celebrated March 12 with an indoor swimming party and a Ben 10 theme party.

He was surrounded by lots of friends and family. RJ is a first grade student at Iles Elementary School, Lubbock, Texas. He is extremely bright and loves exercising his mind building with his Legos and using his imagination with his Ben 10 alien action figures.

His proud parents are Ricky and Alma Cunningtubby, of Lubbock.

Neely Wood

Neely Alexis Wood turned 11 years old on Saturday, Feb. 27 while watching her older sister, Kayla Jo, win the Girls Basketball Regional Championship. Neely celebrated her birthday with friends and family on Friday, Feb. 26 in Durant with a bowling party and eating pizza, salad, cake and ice cream. She also had a sleepover with girlfriends.

Neely is the daughter of Patricia Wood, of Tishomingo, Okla., and is the little sister to Kayla Jo Wood. Her grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood, of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore, of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley. Her great-grandfather is Floyd Hackworth, of Bromide, Okla.

Neely attends the fifth grade at Tishomingo Middle School where she is on the Governor's Chickasaw Honor Roll and the Tish Honor Roll. She is active with the Tish Boys & Girls Club. Neely loves pitching, cheerleading, golf and basketball.

Happy 11th birthday Neely!

We love you very much!

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Aubrey Sartors

Aubrey Sartors is Homecoming Flower Girl

Aubrey Sartors, of Sulphur, Okla., was chosen 2010 Sulphur High School Basketball Homecoming Flower Girl in February.

She is the daughter of Benji and Shannon Sartors. Her grandparents are Sharon Sartors and Mark and Teresa Bradshaw, and she is the great-granddaughter of the late Ben Seeley and Viola Seeley, all of Sulphur.

Aubrey attends kindergarten at Sulphur Elementary School and is active in T-ball, soccer, ballet and tumbling.

NEWS FROM JR. MISS CHICKASAW

Alexis Walker
Junior Miss Chickasaw

Chukma! My name is Alexis Walker and I am the current Junior Miss Chickasaw 2009-2010.

I am 13 years old, and in the eighth grade at Ada Junior High School. My parents are Johnna and Darrell Walker.

Becoming Junior Miss was an amazing accomplishment for me. I've already met so many new people and I've also experienced some cultural places. We will be attending the Gathering of Nations next month in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This has always been an exciting event!

We recently were invited to the Heart Ball in Oklahoma City. This was a truly inspiring occasion. I met new people who had life-changing conditions but they stayed strong through it all, even when times were rough. They inspired me to challenge myself to not let stress get the best of me.

Being a princess has taught me many things. Confidence is a main point. Kids everywhere look up to the three of us (princesses) and we strive our best to be good representatives for them as well as the Chickasaw Nation, our families and the Lord.

Life can be frustrating at times but we must not give in and we should always hold our heads high with pride. Yakoke!

Chickasaw officer on Iraq tour with MP company

Lt. Shelane Etchison

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Shelane Etchison is currently serving a tour of duty in Iraq where she is Executive Officer of the 472nd Military Police Company.

The Company is stationed at Camp Ramadi, west of Baghdad in Anbar Province at the southern end of the Sunni Triangle. The mission of the company is to provide training and support for Iraqi security forces.

Lt. Etchison was inducted into the Army following graduation from the University of Central Florida. She completed officer's training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and advanced training at the Army's National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, California. She also graduated from paratrooper school in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and arctic survival training at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

She is the daughter of Don and Sheila Etchison and the granddaughter of Cordell Etchison McVay, all of Spring Hill, Florida. Lt. Etchison, her father and grandmother are Chickasaw and descendents of Maj. General William Colbert, and Cyrus Harris, first Governor of the Chickasaws.

WinStar Golf Academy, Mizuno USA offer discount for Chickasaw citizens, employees

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - WinStar Golf Academy, located at WinStar World Casino Golf Course, in Thackerville, recently partnered with Mizuno USA in the opening of a state–of–the-art indoor hitting bay and to offer Chickasaw citizens and employees an opportunity to purchase a custom set of irons at wholesale prices.

Mizuno USA, a leading golf equipment manufacturer, will custom fit citizens and employees free, a $100 value, with the order of new irons. Mizuno will build the irons to exact specifications, for a discounted price, and ship them within two business days.

This offer is valid until May 31, 2010.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (580) 276-1754 or email Mariellen.Cozad@Chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw White House to host kite flying events

EMET, Okla. - Families are welcome to come enjoy a fun day of kite flying at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

Kite flying events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 16-17 and April 23-24. The kite flying is free and open to the public.

Kites will be provided by the staff, and participants are welcome to bring their own. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Chickasaw White House is located at the north edge of Emet, 10 miles east of Tishomingo.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw White House at (580) 436-2603.

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Wii Bowling Tournament

Dozens of tribal elders from senior sites across Oklahoma met at the Ada Chickasaw Community Center Monday, March 8 for a Wii Bowling Tournament. Individual senior centers held their own tournaments and sent the winners to battle it out with elders from other sites. After an afternoon of matches and elimination, Alice Kimberlin of Duncan beat Ron Elliott of Oklahoma City to take the top honor.

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Stormy Bryant, Oklahoma City, takes his turn Wii Bowling.

The best of the best. Pictured from left, Bob Horton and Roy Perry, runners-up; Chad Castleberry, Wisdom Walker exercise manager; Ron Elliot and Alice Kimberlin. Marcy Gray

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Karsen Eubanks

Karsen Eubanks named 'Student of the Month'

Karsen Eubanks was recently elected Student of the Month for the month of January at Reuben Johnson Elementary School in McKinney, Texas.

Karsen was nominated for this honor by her teacher Mrs. Mansfield. Karsen was elected for the character trait of fairness. In her nomination, Mrs. Mansfield described Karsen as having a very kind nature.

Karsen is the daughter of Clayton and Kristin Eubanks, of McKinney. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Jan Imotichey, of El Reno, Okla., and the great-granddaugther of the late Herman and Lavena Elmore, of Sulphur, Okla., and the late Rosalie Imotichey.

Laura Driver

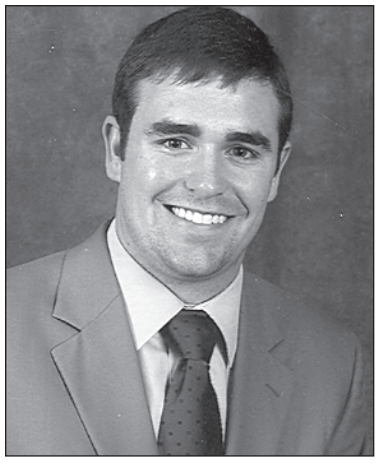
Texas State student tops in oratory contest

Laura Driver, a Chickasaw college junior attending Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, has won first place in the San Antonio 2010 Battle of Flowers Oratorical Contest and an award of $2,000.

The Battle of Flowers Oratorical Contest is a platform speech contest open to Texas college students. This year's theme was "Deep in the Heart of Texas: Honoring Texas Philanthropists." Miss Driver chose to speak of Ella Fondren, a Houstonian who gave more than $20 million in donations to Texas schools and hospitals during the 20th Century. A copy of her speech will be given to the Institute of Texas Cultures Library, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library and the San Antonio Public Library.

Miss Driver will be invited to participate in many activities, interviews and the Battle of Flowers Parade during Fiesta Week in San Antonio in April.

She is the daughter of David Driver, of Portland, Texas, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee, Maggie Townsley Driver. Her grandfather is Cleburn Driver of Fort Worth, Texas and her great aunt is Ruby Dodd Haden of Kingston, Okla.



Derek Clark

Derek Clark graduates with honors from OU Price College of Business

A Chickasaw man has recently graduated from business school with honors.

Derek Christopher Clark graduated summa cum laude in December 2009 from the Michael F. Price College of Business, the University of Oklahoma.

His degree was in Energy Management with a minor in Finance.

Mr. Clark maintained a 3.82 grade point average throughout his college career and was named to the College of Business Dean's Honor Roll every semester.

The summer prior to his graduation, Mr. Clark served an internship with Hunt Oil Company, Dallas, where he worked as a land man.

He is a 2004 graduate of Norman (OK) High School. He received several academic scholarships, including several from the Chickasaw Nation.

He is deeply thankful to the tribe for its support in numerous ways including books, tuition, and clothing during his academic career.

Honors he received included the University of Oklahoma Honors Scholar; Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society; Chickasaw Nation Governor's Scholar; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Energy Cup Scholar; Permian Basin Landman Association Scholar; and the William M. Majors Mentoring Program.

Mr. Clark is the son of Drs. Chris and Liz Clark, of Norman. He is the grandson of J.C. and Joyce Clark, of Oklahoma City, and the late Harwood and Ida Suggs, of Midwest City, Okla.

Mr. Clark now works as a land man with Southwestern Energy, a Houston-based oil and gas exploration and production company.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

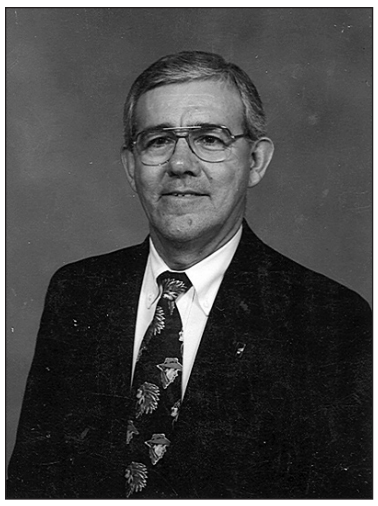
Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Chickasaw banker marks 50 years in financial industry



Joe Orr

A Chickasaw banker recently marked 50 years in the financial industry.

Joe Orr, who serves BancFirst as Tishomingo, Okla., branch manager, began his career in the banking industry in 1958 when he joined Madill National Bank in the bookkeeping department.

After serving two years in the U.S. Army as a military pay specialist, Orr returned to the Madill bank as an assistant cashier before being promoted to cashier in 1965.

He managed the bank's operations department for four years, then moved into the loan department, earning the title of senior vice president.

He was later named executive vice president and managed the loan department until 1991, when he was transferred to the Tishomingo Landmark Bank as president until retiring in 1005. That retirement was short-lived, as Orr joined BankFirst as branch manager nine months later.

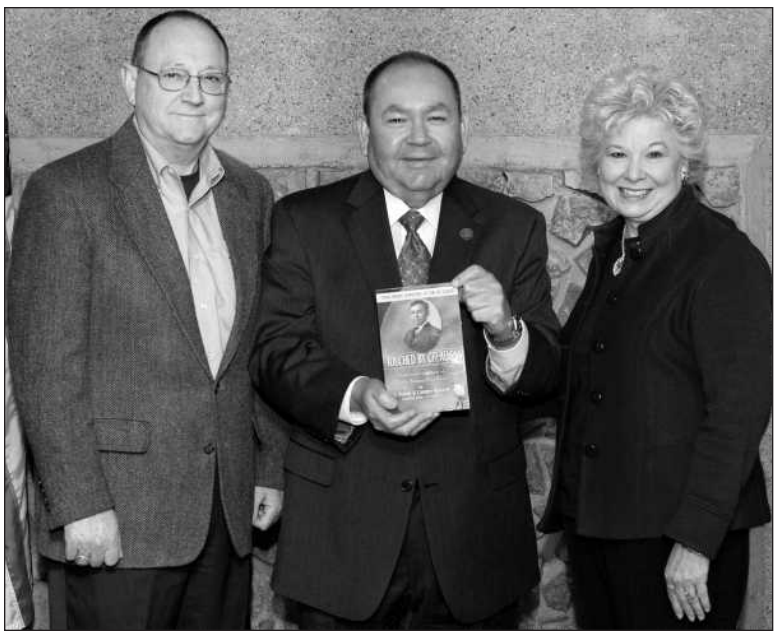
Orr is a graduate of Madill (OK) High school and attended Murray State College. He has received additional training through numerous banking schools, as well as Oklahoma State University and Dale Carnegie Institute. He completed the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking in 1992.

He is past president of the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, Madill Lions Club, Madill Alumni Association, Southern Oklahoma Bankers Association, Johnston County Chamber of Commerce and Johnston County Industrial Authority.

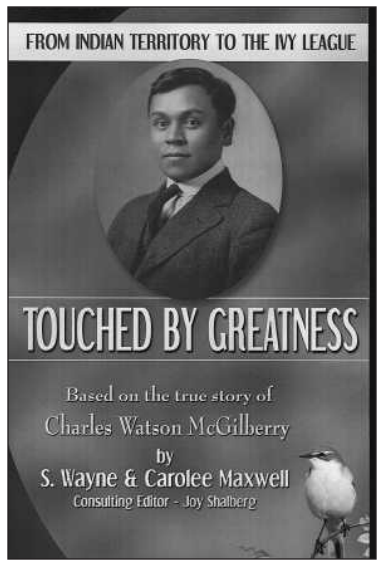
He has served on the board of INCA Community Services and the Chickasaw Nation Industrial Development Commission, and has also served in numerous positions in the Baptist Church.

Orr and his wife, Brenda, have three sons, Mike, David, and Vinson, and seven grandchildren, Brittney, Brandon, Mikayla, Madison, Caden, Brooke and Paige.

'Touched by Greatness' chronicles Choctaw man's Ivy League education, challenges of 20th Century life



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby receives a copy of "Touched By Greatness" written by Wayne, left, and Carolee Maxwell, of Purcell. The book details the life of Mrs. Maxwell's grandfather, Charles Watson McGilberry, a Choctaw citizen and life long educator. Carolee Maxwell is a Chickasaw citizen. Mike McKee


FROM INDIAN TERRITORY TO THE IVY LEAGUE
TOUCHED BY GREATNESS
Based on the true story of
Charles Watson McGilberry
by
S. Wayne & Carolee Maxwell
Consulting Editor - Joy Shatberg

In the Autumn of 2007, Wayne and Carolee Maxwell began an incredible journey that took them to a small hamlet in south central Pennsylvania.

There, in a quaint and prestigious Ivy League prep school of Mercersburg Academy, they discovered an old and tattered file folder unopened since 1917. This antiquated folder contained the intriguing records of Charles Watson McGilberry, a full-blood Choctaw Indian boy from Oklahoma.

"Charlie" McGilberry was Carolee's beloved grandfather. Carolee, a Chickasaw citizen, had come to the world of academia to see where her "Papa" had been chosen to attend after graduating with honors from Oklahoma's Chilocco Indian School.

The contents of the old file folder revealed much more than was ever expected. "Charlie" was most definitely an anomaly.

After spending days reading the files and uncovering the past, school officials agreed with the couple; McGilberry's story must be shared with the world.

"The current head master said if we didn't write a book about his story, they would," said Mrs. Maxwell.

The book uncovers that McGilberry was selected as one of three Native American young men across the United States to attend Mercersburg.

A fierce competitor on the football field, in the classroom, on the debate team and later a military officer, he was destined to be a great Indian educator. The story of Charlie McGilberry takes the reader through insecurities, discrimination, winning of acceptance, the stripping of honor, and perseverance that eventually led to triumph.

Born in 1896, McGilberry attended Chilocco Indian School, located in northern Oklahoma, and went on to the prep school.

With the help of a philanthropist, McGilberry was the first Native American to graduate from the Ivy League prep school in 1917.

He later went on create a path for other Native Americans through education and other works.

The book details the life of McGilberry through words and photos.

A sometimes sad and shocking, but beautiful story is revealed in detail in the Maxwells' book "Touched By Greatness" which has recently gone into print published by Encouragement Solutions, LLC.

A number of book signings are currently being scheduled in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. Books may also be purchased by e-mailing 4yellobird@suddenlink.net. Or visiting the website www.touchedbygreatnessbook.com .

Books can also be found at the Hastings Book Store in Ada.

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Boiling Springs Methodist Church youth attend college prep day

The Boiling Springs United Methodist Church youth attended the Oklahoma Indian Methodist Conference/OCU Youth Day at Oklahoma City University on Feb. 20. Oklahoma Indian Methodist Church (OIMC) youth from across Oklahoma attended the all-day event aimed at preparing OIMC youth for college and educating OIMC youth of the opportunities OIMC and OCU have for them. The youth attended an introduction to OCU with teachers and students speaking about the curriculum and campus life, went on a campus tour, ate lunch, participated in a free throw contest and attended OCU vs. Southern Nazarene University men and women's basketball games.

From left, Susan Alexander, Youth Sunday School teacher, Shelbey Parnacher, Rev. Jeff Frazier and Kanan Wisdom.

Boiling Springs youths Kanan Wisdom won second place in the free throw contest and Shelbey Parnacher won a $100 VISA gift card for first place in a halftime basketball competition during the men's game. Rev. Jeff Frazier is the Boiling Springs UMC pastor and Susan Alexander is the Boiling Springs UMC youth teacher.

Shelbey is the daughter of Craig and Shannon Parnacher.

Kanan is the son of Debra Wisdom.

Congratulations Boiling Springs UMC, Kanan and Shelbey!

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Learning to connect with Indian students

American Indian Learners seminar set

EDMOND, Okla. - Educators are invited to register for the sixth annual American Indian Learners Conference set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The American Indian Learners Conference is designed to examine the relationships among American Indian students and their teachers, administration and curriculum.

Tribal Division Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick and several division employees are scheduled to present programs at this year's conference.

"Educators across the state want to identify and connect to their American Indian students, said Laura Stewart, Arts in Education director, Chickasaw Nation.

"This conference is one way to assist them in gaining resources to understand the culture and to help their students succeed."

The conference is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation, the Muscogee Creek Nation, the Kiowa Nation, the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Oklahoma Center for Arts Education, and the Oklahoma Folklife Council.

Registration deadline is Monday, May 10. Registration fee is $75 and includes meal and make-and-take materials. Forms are available online at www.ocae.net .

For more information contact Ines Burnham at (405) 216-2588 or iburnham@uco.edu.

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Holba' Kana'li Film Series features 'Tar Creek'

Writer/director Matt Myers will be the featured guest for the April installment of the Holba' Kana'li Film Series April 22 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. Myers will participate in a forum after the screening of his environmental documentary "Tar Creek."

Tar Creek, located in northeastern Oklahoma, was once home to one of the largest lead and zinc strikes on the planet. After falling victim to one of the worst environmental disasters in history, the area is now plagued with acid mine water in the creeks, lead poisoning and sinkholes.

The documentary examines the controversial dealings with the area involving the federal government, Bureau of Indian Affiars and the Quapaw Tribe.

"Tar Creek" premiered as the official selection at the Kansas International Film Festival, the Colorado Environmental Film Festival, Artivist Film Festival, Durango Independent Film Festival and the Trail Dance Film Festival. It was chosen as "Audience Choice" and "Festival Director's Choice" at the 2009 Southern Winds Film Festival in Shawnee, Okla.

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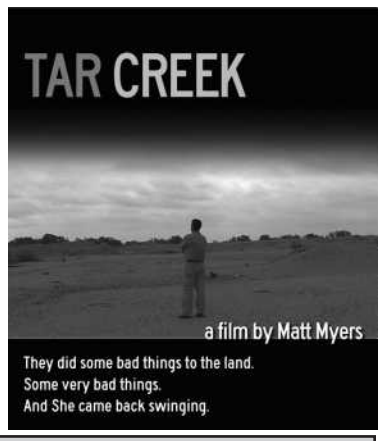


If you go

WHAT: Holba' Kana'li Film Series featuring "Tar Creek" followed by Q & A with writer/director Matt Myers.

WHEN: 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

WHERE: McSwain Theatre, Ada

DETAILS: Tickets, $5, will be available at the door or can be ordered by visiting www.mcswaintheatre.com.

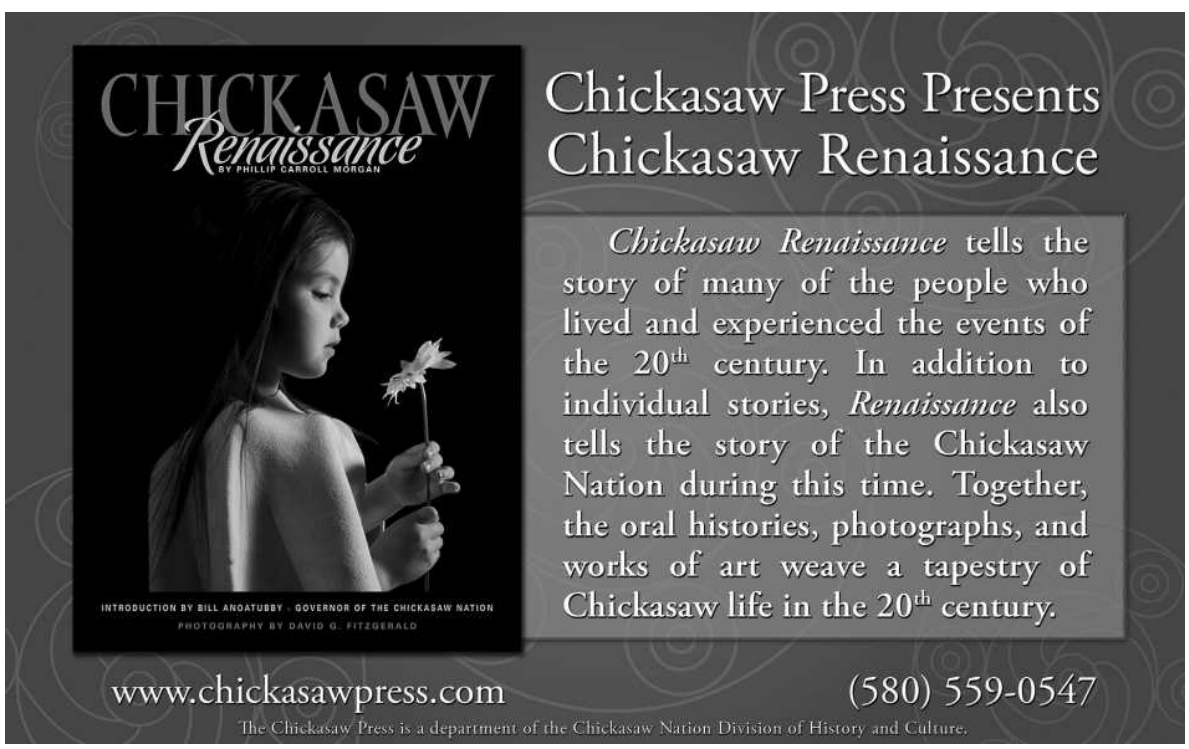
CONTACT: James Wallace, (580) 272-5520.

New medical center placed into trust

The Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently completed the transaction placing the new tribal hospital property in federal trust. From left are Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Agency Realty Specialist Jennie Lovell, Chickasaw Agency Deputy Superintendent Ashley Large, and Chickasaw Agency Superintendent Traile Glory.

Ardmore Head Start Show-and-Tell

Ardmore Head Start students Renee Marris, Katelyn Smith, Ashley Lopez, Michael Steven Dominguez and Madison Scruggs display their favorite toys during Show-and-Tell in March at the Ardmore Head Start.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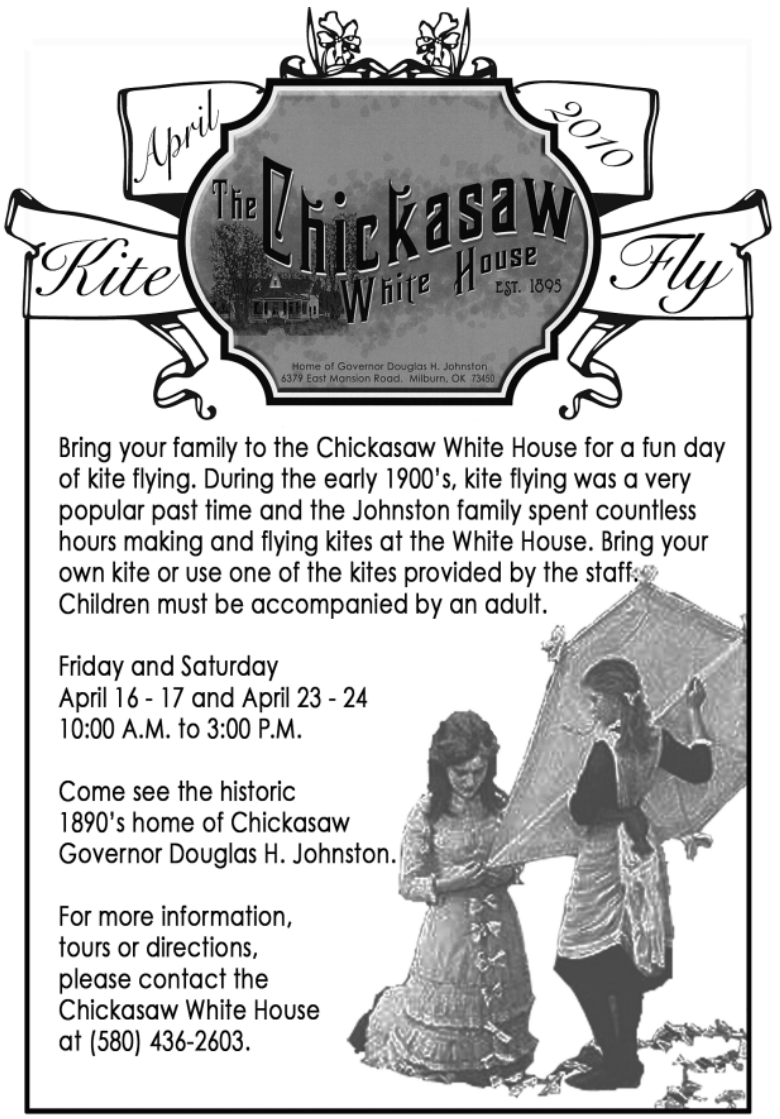
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William Hughes and Luke Gabriel Horning

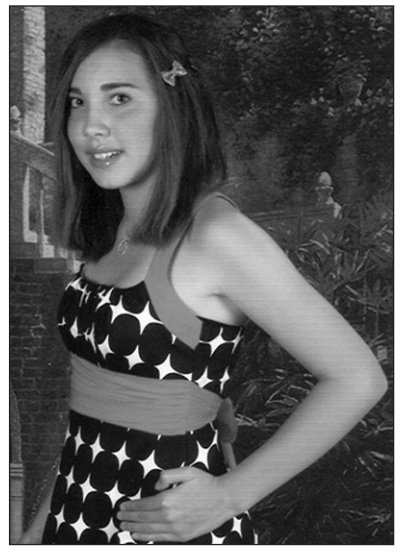
William (Will) Hughes Horning, 10, and Luke Gabriel Horning, 4, are the children of the late Dawn Cole Horning and Bill Horning, of Denison, Texas. They are the grandsons of Carole and Howard Hughes, of Madill, Okla. Their great-great-grandmother, Beulah Pearl Yoakum was an original enrollee (1125).

These children are our pride and joy because of the happiness and love they bring to our lives and all those who know them. May their Mother's love and spirit always surround them.

Will is a straight A student, on the Chickasaw Honor Club and enjoys soccer and karate.

Luke is following in his big brother's footsteps and takes karate lessons.

Anya Benavides



Anya Benavides is the daughter of Robyn Gartner, of Hilo, Hawaii.

Anya is a straight A student with a wonderful personality.

Keila Brynn Eve Barrett

Keila Brynn Eve Barrett is the daughter of Keith Titsworth. She is the granddaughter of Lorraine Poe and Tim Poe.

Life surprised me with something amazing. Something I had no idea how much I wanted until my little girl was born. She gives me a wonderful feeling of happiness that keeps me smiling inside. My little girl is the best amazing gift I could ever have. Keila is my pride and joy.

Mischa Ortega and Jager Porter

Mischa Ortega and Jager Porter are the children of Tim and Heather Ortega.

They are the grandchildren of Glenda Burris, of Madill, Okla., and the great-grandchildren of Dorothy Burris.

They are always smiling, full of happiness and they make our day. At the end of the day we thank our lucky stars for such beautiful kids.

Whytney Renee Mask

Whytney Renee Mask is the daughter of Lewis and Tina Ozuna, of Era, Texas.

Whytney is a senior at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas. She is majoring in psychology and will graduate in May and begin working on a master's degree.

Whytney is active in mission work with her school. In the summer of 2009 she went on a three-week mission trip to Mombassa and Kenya, Africa and traveled to La Huazteca de Hidalgo, Mexico in March 2010 on another mission trip. She is now making plans for a trip to Haiti in the summer.

Whytney was selected the 2010 Wayland Baptist Univeristy Homecoming Queen.

Tim Ortega and Chris Burris

Tim Ortega and Chris Burris are the sons of Glenda Burris. of Madill, Okla. They are the grandsons of the late Monroe Burris and Dorothy Burris.

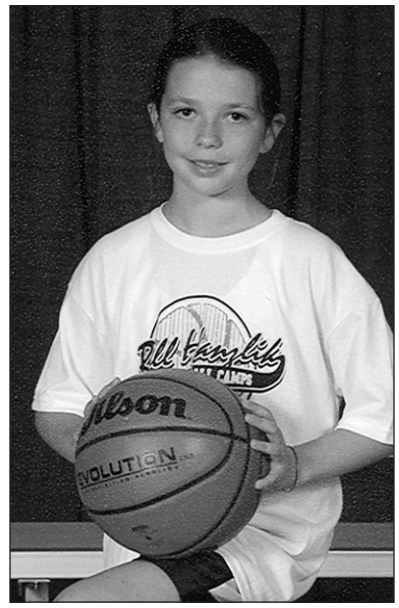
The boys are my pride and joy because they make me happy every time I see them. And I'm proud of them for the choices they have made in their lives. I wish them the best of luck. Tim has a birthday April 24 and I wish him a Happy Birthday from the Burris Family. Chris was deployed March 19 to Iraq. We are very proud and love him very much. We wish him the best of luck!

Sean, Blake and Skylar Idell

Sean, Blake and Skylar Idell are the children of Mike and Kim Idell, of Fort Worth, Texas. They are the grandchildren of Pam and George Idell and Ken and Billie Smith.

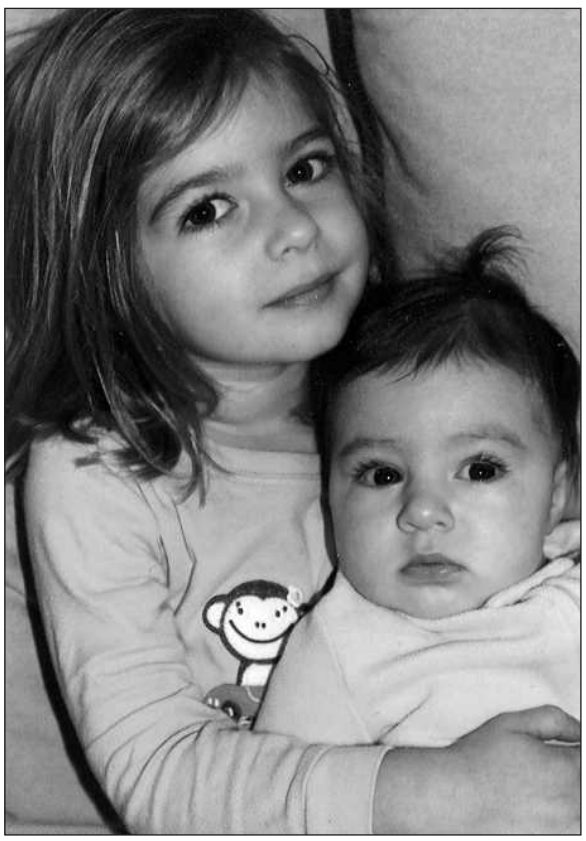
My children are my pride and joy because they always keep us laughing! We are a fun family who always likes to laugh. They keep us entertained. We love them!

Kaya Duncan



Kaya Duncan is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva (Gamble) Stapler.

She is our only grandchild. Kaya is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. She is an honor student and plays softball and basketball. Her basketball team won second place in the YMCA tournament. We are so proud of her for the joy she gives us.

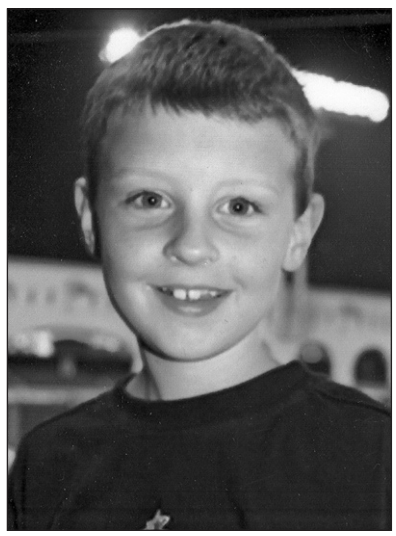


Kyla and Shea Smith

Kyla, 3 1/2, and Shea Smith, six months are the children of Ryan and Erin Smith, of Carlsbad, Calif. They are the grandchildren of George and Linda Lenertz, of Riverside, Calif.

They are the great-great-great-granddaughters of Frankie Jones Williamson (3702) and the great-great-great-great-granddaughters of Carrie Colbert Jones (3701).

These two girls are our pride and joy because of the happiness and pleasure they bring into our hearts daily. They make our life complete.



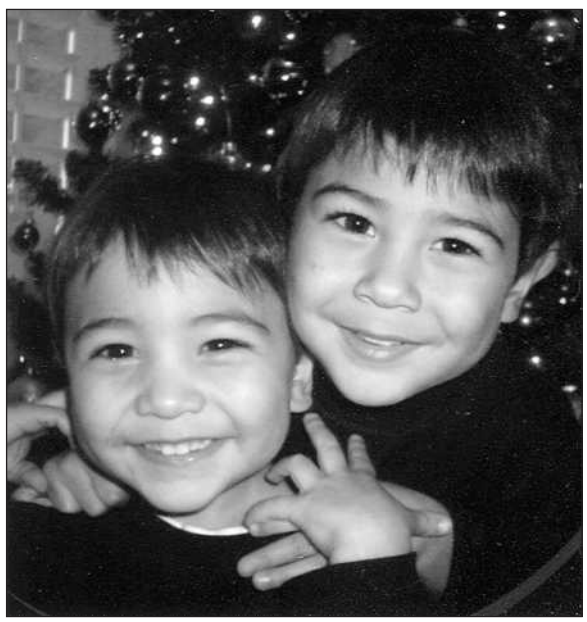
Matthew Coffin

Matthew (Matt) Coffin, 12, is the son of Kevin and Amy Coffin, of Kingwood, Texas. He is the grandson of George and Linda Lenertz, of Riverside, Calif.

He is the great-great-great-grandson of Frankie Jones Williamson (3702) and the great-great-great-great-grandson of Carrie Colbert Jones (3701).

Matt brings happiness and pleasure to our lives daily. It's an honor to be Matt's grandparents. It is truly a pleasure to be with him, he is such a loving and caring boy. He is his mother's pride and father's joy but to Grandpa and Grandma he is our pride and joy.

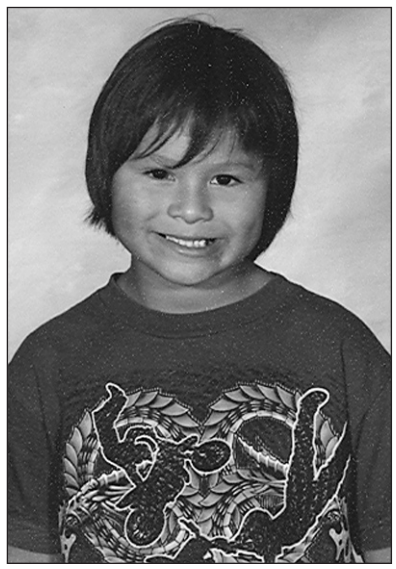
Jacob and Jayden Helm



Jacob and Jayden are the grandchildren of Karen Colbert Helm, of Phoenix, Ariz.

They are precious children of God. Full of Joy! We make beautiful memories when we are together.

Matthew Caleb Wayne Short



Matthew Caleb Wayne Short is the son of Matt and Shirley Short, of Moore, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Kelsie Morris, Colson Miller, Dave Short, and Annie Short, of Norman, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Fern Short, of Weatherford, Okla., and the late Amel Short. He has several aunts and uncles.

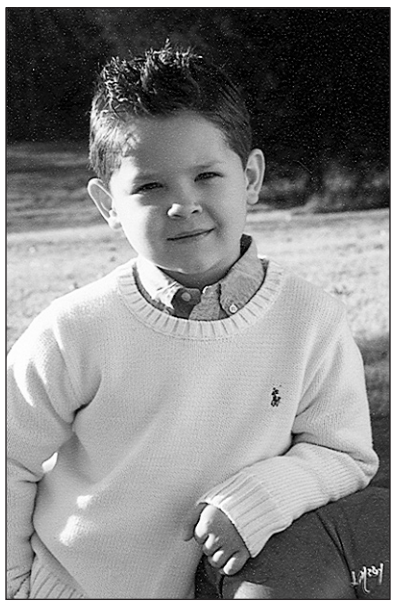
Caleb is 5/16 Chickasaw and Choctaw. He is eight years old and in the second grade at Central Elementary in Moore. He enjoys watching and playing wrestling, video games, tether ball, collecting hot wheels, riding his ATV, and playing with his sister Kelsie. His favorite subjects are math, reading and art.

We are proud of the achievements he has received. His artwork went to the State Fair where he received the Merit Award. He placed second in the Reflection Judging at his school. He has been a Star Student, Cub of the Month, and he is on the Principal's Honor Roll.

We are very proud of Caleb. He brings joy and happiness in our lives on a daily basis. He has a sense of humor, very intelligent and is very loving, kind hearted and caring.

God couldn't have sent us a better son. He is loved dearly.

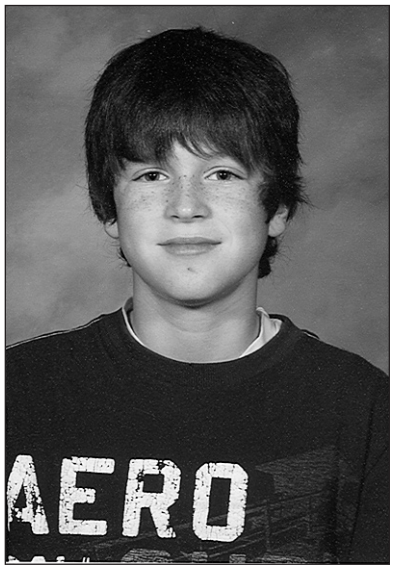
Christopher Garrett Morgan



Christopher Garrett Morgan, 5, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan, and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew of Derek and Rachel Collins, Marcus Tartsah and Danny and Stacy Cates.

Garrett is our pride and joy because he makes us laugh and he loves to tell jokes. He is a Head Start student and is very excited to attend kindergarten at his daddy's school next year. He is ready to play t-ball this summer and loves being a Yankee t-ball player.

CJ Bills



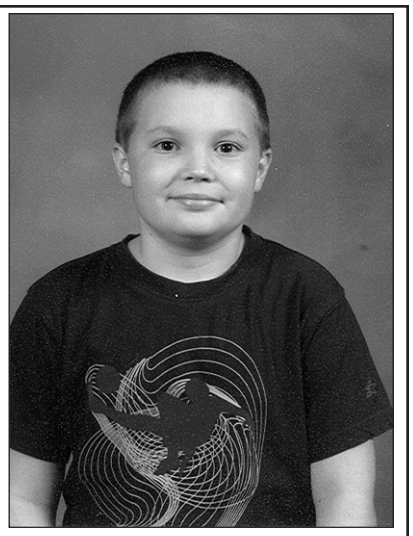
CJ Bills, 12, is the son of Polly and Billy Jack Gold and Chillie Joe Bills. He is the grandson of Pat Thompson and Joe and Kay Bills.

CJ is a very well mannered and great young man. We enjoy watching him play sports and can't wait to watch him play baseball this summer.

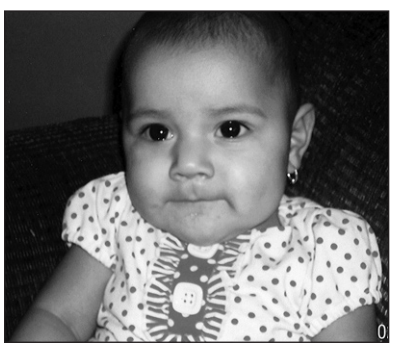
Trenton Way

Trenton Way is the son of Amy Way, of Healdton, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Maxine Salyer.

Trenton is a very loving boy. Regards other feelings and does very well in school. He is the light of our life.



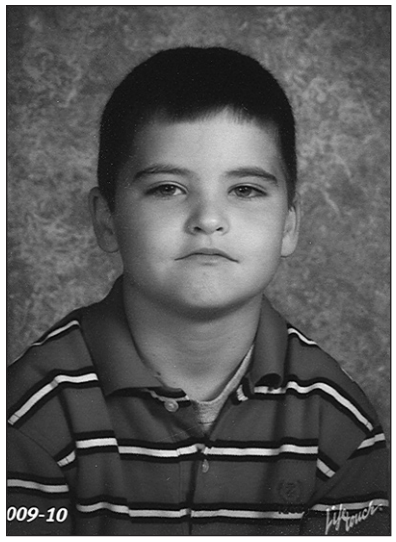
DeKayla M. Sanchez



DeKayla M. Sanchez is the daughter of Victor and Darla Sanchez. She is the granddaughter of the late William Daggs and Linda Daggs, of Maud, Okla., and Antonio and Maria Sanchez, of Seminole, Okla.

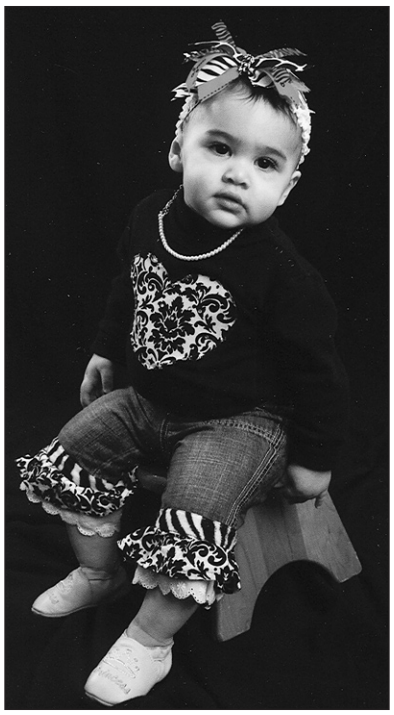
DeKayla is my pride and joy because she is my first and only granddaughter. I love and enjoy her very much. DeKayla is seven months old and will celebrate her first birthday in August.

Benjamin Lee Gold



Benjamin Lee Gold, 8, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna and John Linton.

Ben loves to play football, basketball and baseball. He does very well in school and makes his family very proud of him. He loves to watch his Papa Gold drag race and ride in his Papa's '69 Camaro. We are very excited to watch Ben play baseball this summer.



Bria Tyner

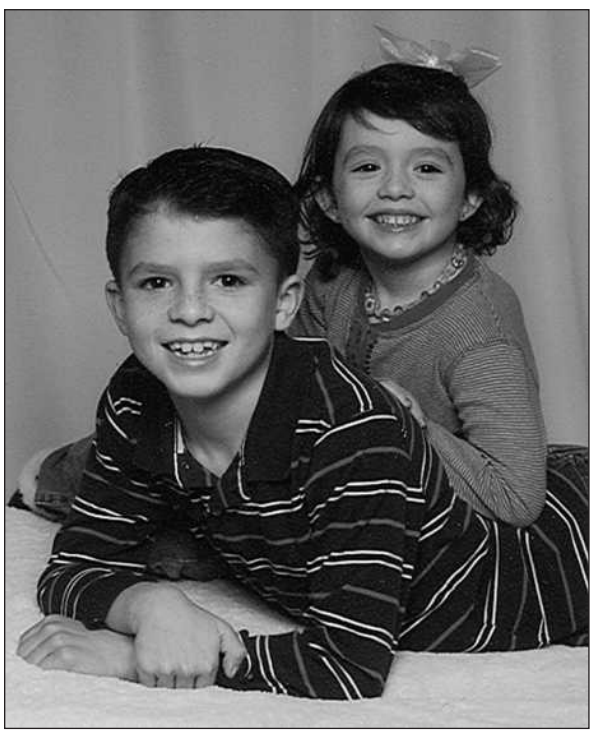
Bria Tyner is the granddaughter of Doug and Yolanda Tyner, of Madill, Okla.

She has made us smile every day since March 27, 2009. We love her!

Colton and Shelby Gold

Colton and Shelby Gold are the children of Justin and Adrian Gold, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Jackie Gold, Sherry Gold and David and Cheryl Nowabbi.

They are such a blessing from God to our family. Colton is our little racer and Shelby is our little princess.



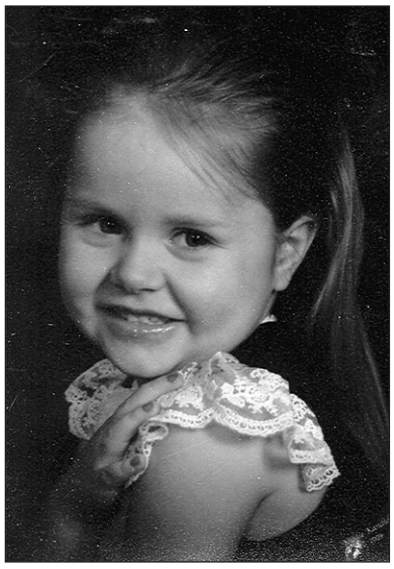
Diamond and Marquis

Diamond and Marquis are the children of Bobbie Easley, of Ada, Okla.

These children are my pride and joy because they can make me laugh when I'm having the worst day. They are so smart and so beautiful and I couldn't imagine my life without them. I wish they would stay my little babies forever.

Mommy loves you!

Abby Jolyn Jones



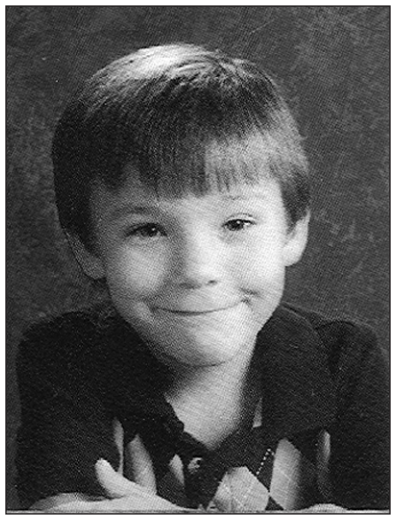
Abby Jolyn Jones is the daughter of Teresa Cobb, of Lewisville, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mary L. Miller.

Abby is a gift from God. She is my only grandchild and I waited 17 years before my daughter could conceive to have a child. I thank God everyday for her.

Connor LeFlore

Connor LeFlore is the son of Jimmy and Gayla Le Flore. and the grandson of Gene and Sandra Durant and Valerie LeFlore.

He is such a big boy in everything he does!



Aubriella Angelique Bell

Aubriella Angelique Bell is the great-granddaughter of Peggy Bell, of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Aubriella is my pride and joy. She is two and one-half years old. She counts to 13 by herself, very alert and so sweet. She is very smart for her age. She doesn't miss anything. She is going to have a baby sister in June. I love her so very much.

Brennen Woods

Brennen Woods is the grandson of Terrie Woods, of Ada, Okla.

Brennen is a really good soccer player and he helps me eat my chocolate! He works hard in school and always wants everybody to be happy and to have fun. Brennen is my pride and joy.

Grammie

Karsen and Cavin Eubanks

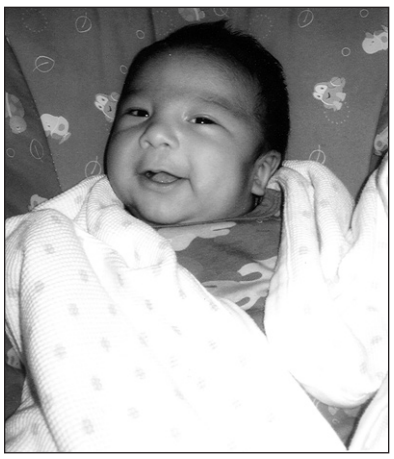
Karsen and Cavin Eubanks are the children of Kristin and Clay Eubanks, of McKinney, Texas. They are the grandchildren of Melvin and Jan Imotichey.

They fill our lives with love and laughter. We love them more than arms can measure!

Bailey Lopez-Wiley

Bailey Lopez-Wiley is the grandchild of Joyce Cobb, of Edmond, Okla.

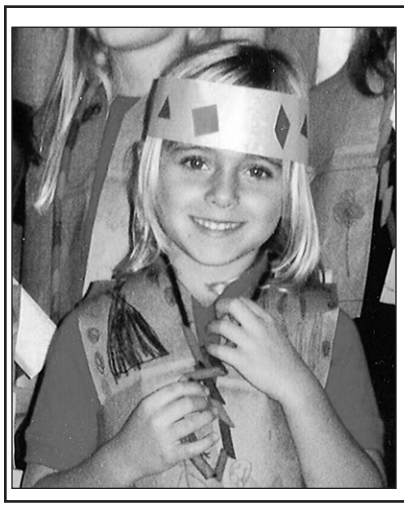
Bailey is the happiest baby with a very sweet disposition. Very lovable! And cute to boot.



Tyce Ray Harrison

Tyce Ray Harrison is the son of Jessie and Melanie Harrison, of Konawa, Okla.

Tyce is our pride and joy because he is a blessing and a miracle that we've waited on for so long. Now that he is here it's the greatest gift we could ever ask for. He has brought joy to everyone who meets him.

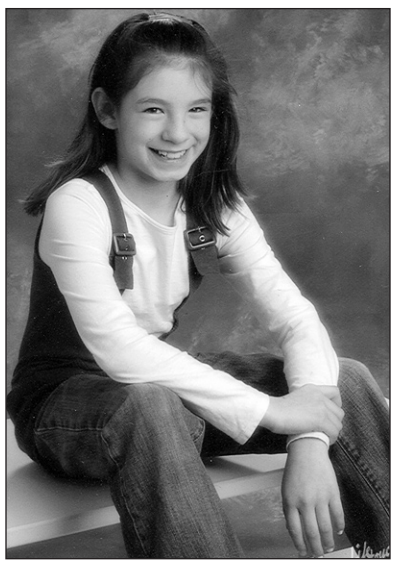


Sophia Lee Martt

Sophia Lee Martt,5, is the daughter of Michael Martt, of Signal Hill, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Carney Kartz.

Sophia is proud to be Chickasaw Indian. She told her kindergarten teacher "I am Indian so I need to be Indian in our school play."

Sydney Marie Decker



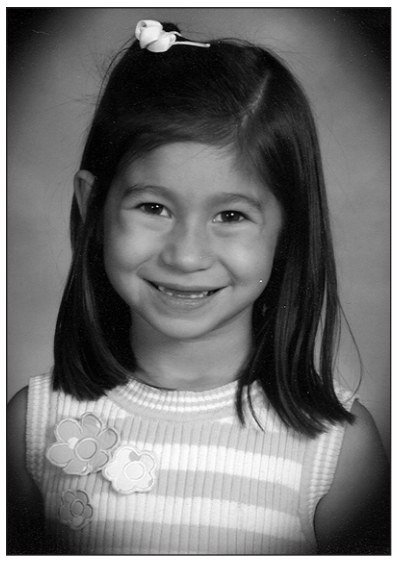
Sydney Marie Decker, 11, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, and Katherine Key. She is the niece of Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester the late Richard Jones, and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Sydney is in the fifth grade at Byng (OK) Elementary School. She enjoys playing with her sisters and brother, reading and talking on the phone. She loves spending time in Sulphur with her grandpa and grandma.

Our kids are a gifts that teach us challenges everyday that are brought to us. They're our blessing we learn so much from them. We couldn't ask for more.

Love,
Mommy and Daddy
Joshua and Summer Key

Lauren Paige Key



Lauren Paige Key, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, and Katherine Key. She is the niece of Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester the late Richard Jones, and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Lauren is a kindergarten student at Francis (OK) Elementary School. She enjoys playing with her friends, jumping on the trampoline and riding go carts.

Jazlyn Renee Key

Jazlyn Renee Key, 4, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, and Katherine Key. She is the niece of Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester the late Richard Jones, and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Jazlyn attends the Chickasaw Head Start Center in Ada. She loves playing outside, helping mommy with baby Bella and she loves to make people laugh and joke around.

Isabella Brie Key

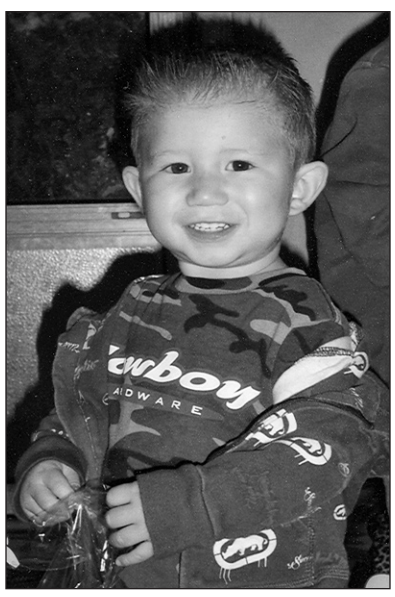
IsaBella Brie Key, 7 months, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, and Katherine Key. She is the niece of Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester the late Richard Jones, and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Bella attends the Chickasaw Child Development Center at Ada. Bella is a surprise baby. Everyday she brings joy and smiles. She loves to be walked around and sung to. She loves attention and kisses.

Benjamin James Key

Benjamin James Key, 2, is the son of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. He is the great-grandson of Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, and Katherine Key. He is the nephew of Allen and Maria Jones, of Sulphur, Leslie and Crystal Cloud, of McAlester the late Richard Jones, and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Benjamin attends the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center at Ada. He loves jumping on the trampoline, chasing dogs and playing outside. He loves to give Mommy hugs and kisses.



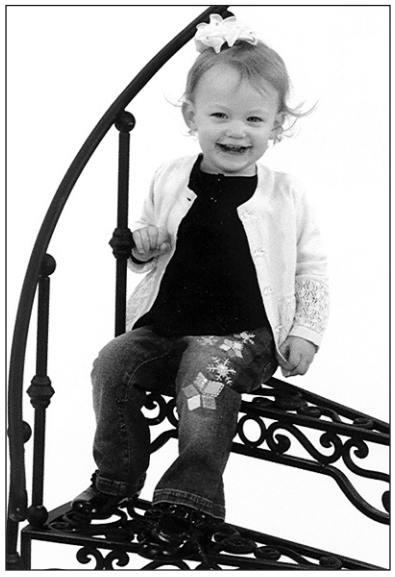
Reese Hamilton

Reese Hamilton is the son of Randall and Christina Hamilton of Ada, Okla.

Reese is our pride and joy because he always makes us smile by telling jokes. He likes to hang out with his friends and cousins and loves to play soccer. He enjoys attending church at Mitchell Memorial. Our life has been blessed since we get to share each day with Reese.

We love you so much!

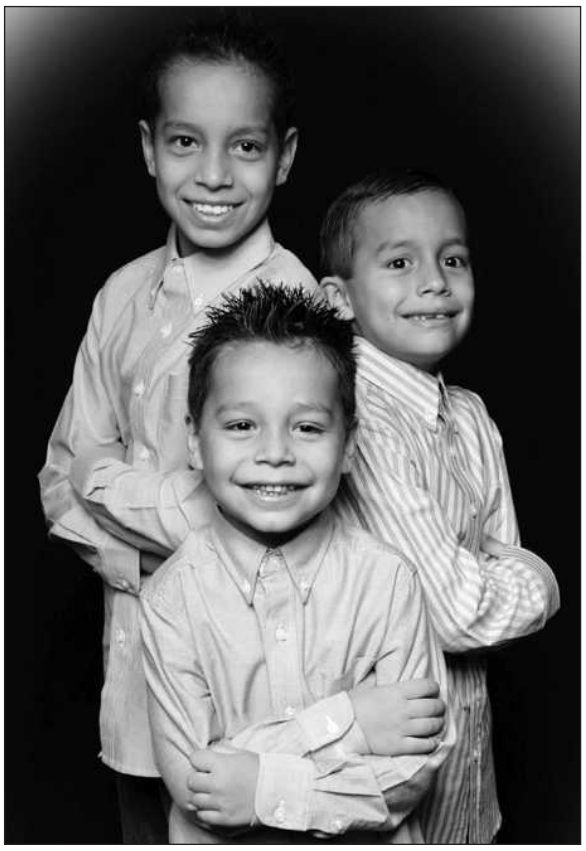
Isabella Dowell



Isabella Dowell is the daughter of Heath and Amy Dowell, of Dallas.

Isabella is our greatest blessing. She is so smart, beautiful and caring for others at such a young age. Isabella is the apple of our eye.

Sheicona, Kaden and Darias Gilmore



Sheicona, 11, Kaden, 7, and Darias, 5 are the sons of Nick and Tina Gilmore, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandsons of Ronda and Freddy Drawbaugh, Ada, Victor Gilmore, of Calera, Okla., and Stephanie Bointy, of Anadarko, Okla. Great-grandparents are Warner and Patricia Bointy, of Anadarko, Marie Nash, of Ravia, Okla., Fred Drawbaugh, of Lone Grove, Okla., Rosa and Even Gilmore, of Calera, and the late Beverly Cravatt and Gary Blair. Great-great-grandparents are the late Erie and Darias Cravatt (original enrollee), Grace Tsonetokoy, of Carnegie, the late Fred Tsonetokoy, the late Albert and Opal Carter, and the late Jay and Mildred Blair.

Sheicona is in the fifth grade at Homer (OK) Elementary School. He is on the Chickasaw Honor Club and just finished with basketball season with the Homer Warriors. Sheicona is a very hard worker and takes pride in his school work as well as his extracurricular activities. He enjoys being the big brother and is always willing to help when needed.

Kaden is in the first grade at Homer Elementary School. He makes straight A's and is an avid reader. Kaden enjoys playing baseball and any activity that involves being outdoors and is the comedian of the family. He enjoys school and is eager to go into the second grade.

Darias is in pre-K at Homer Elementary School. He enjoys school, is very affectionate and always has a smile on his face. Darias likes to make others laugh and is always doing something silly for attention. He loves to play outside and enjoys playing "army" with his brothers in the woods.

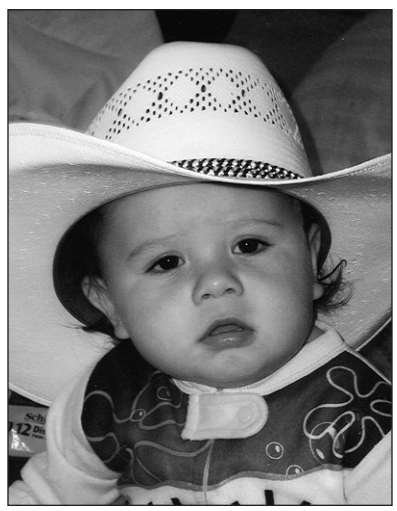
These three boys are our pride and joy because they bring much joy, laughter and happiness to our lives. Life has never been the same since the day each of them were born. We love them deeply. In April, they will be joined by a brother, Bronson Dale, and they are eagerly awaiting his arrival!

Kyra and Brenna Wren

Kyra and Brenna Wren are the daughters of James and Sharon Haggard, of Ft. Mohave, Ariz.

Both girls do very well in school. They aren't any trouble to their parents and we love them very much.

Damein Brown



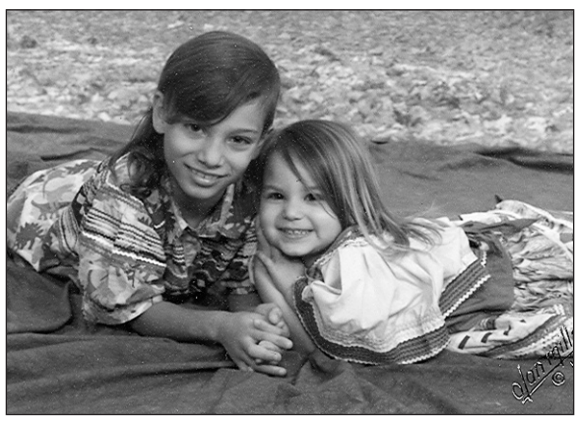
Damein Brown is the son of Rachel Brown and the grandson of Vonda Tyson and Vernon Factor, of Pontotoc, Okla.

He is our pride and joy because Damein brings a lot of love into our lives he has us going from the time he wakes up until he goes to bed. *Son you keep us full with laughter, love and excitement. Whatever you set your mind to just go for it. I love you son.*

With love,

Mom, grandma and grandpa

Anthany and Alicia Torres



Anthony, 8, and Alicia Torres, 3, are the children of Amber Torres (Chickasaw) and Rocky Jim (Miccosukee).

They are my pride because they are outgoing and love to do things. They are my joy because they show love and respect to their elders and animals.

Anthony is in the second grade. Alicia attends preschool and likes to sneak out to see Teacher Fadi and lockout her other teacher.

February 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Trevor Clark, Jr.

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T.J., son of Trevor and Kristi Clark, of Stratford, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for All-Around Student.

T.J. is in the fourth grade at Stratford Elementary and was nominated by Ms. Andrea Blackburn.

"Not only is he a bright, hard working student but he excels in his extracurricular activities as well," said Ms. Blackburn. "T.J. surpasses the qualities of a well-rounded person."

T.J. has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and Superintendent's Honor Roll since the second grade. He has also won a Stratford Student of the Month award. T.J.'s favorite subject is social studies and likes playing sports, collecting sports cards and anything Oklahoma Sooners.

T.J. hopes to have a future career playing and/or coaching football.

William (Billy) Driemeyer

Billy, son of Mary and Tim Driemeyer, of St. Louis, Missouri, is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.

William Driemeyer

Billy is in the third grade at Crestwood Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri, and was nominated by coach Jake Grebe.

"Billy is a team player and cheers for everyone on his team," said Coach Grebe. "Constantly improving he is the model for good sportsmanship and a fine representative of the Chickasaw people through his positive attitude."

Billy's favorite sports are hockey, football and soccer.

"I am not sure what I want to be when I grow up," said Billy. "I would like to keep playing soccer and football."

Tyler Frazier

Tyler Frazier

Tyler, son of J.C. and Tammy Sims, of Stratford, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for All-Around Student.

Tyler is in the fourth grade at Stratford Elementary and was nominated by Ms. Tiajuana Wood.

"Tyler is an exceptional young man," said Ms. Wood. "He has a great attitude and has the highest grade point average in my class."

Tyler is on the honor roll for academics and has received Student of the Week and Month Awards. He has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and Superintendant's Honor Roll since he was in the first grade.

Tyler enjoys fishing and hunting with his dad and collects hot wheels and seashells.

"My goal is to go to the University of Oklahoma and play football, make good grades in school and do my best at everything I do," said Tyler.

Kortney Greenwood

Kortney Greenwood

Kortney, daughter of Jeff and Summer Greenwood, of Stratford, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for All-Around Student.

Kortney is in the eighth grade at Stratford Middle school and was nominated by Ms. Nancy McAfee.

"Kortney is an outstanding young student and a very promising young actress," said Ms. McAfee. "She is very energetic and goes beyond her years of experience in her skills and abilities."

Kortney has won many awards in 4-H and creative writing contests as well as livestock shows. She has also written two novels.

"My hobbies include reading, writing, participating in 4-H, attending the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and doing various plays for the school," said Kortney. "My future goals are to graduate high school and college and become the world's youngest bestselling author.

Lane Martin

Lane Martin

Lane, son of Angela and James Martin, of Stratford, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for All-Around Student.

Lane is in the sixth grade at Stratford Middle School and was nominated by Ms. Tracy Felon.

"Lane is an outstanding young man in every sense of that word," said Ms. Felon. "He excels athletically, academically and personally."

Lane has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and Superintendant's Honor Roll since he was in the second grade and has won many awards in 4-H on the local, county and state levels. In 2008, he won the Garvin County Junior Super Showman Award.

Lane's hobbies include athletics, 4-H, roping, playing video games and watching sports.

"My plans for the future are to go to college and become a coach," said Lane.

Mika McBride

Mika, daughter of Loyd and Regina Golden, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.

Mika McBride

Mika is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by English teacher Mr. Roy Deering.

"Mika has a good attitude, comes in smiling every day, tackles whatever assignment she is given without complaint or hesitation and takes her education seriously," said Mr. Deering. "She is someone that other students seem to respect because of the kind of person and student she is."

Mika's interests are singing gospel music with her family, spending time with her boyfriend and hanging out with her friends.

"Next year I plan to start on my cosmetologist license and after high school graduation, I plan to attend East Central University and the University of Oklahoma to be a dentist," said Mika.

Madison McDonald

Madison McDonald

Madison, daughter of Steve and Lori McDonald, of Moore, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Madison is in the fifth grade at Briarwood Elementary School and was nominated by Ms. Amber Johnson.

"She does whatever it takes to be a successful learner," said Ms. Johnson. "Madison would rather ask for help and master the concept than not know how to do the work."

Madison has received awards for good citizenship and has been on the Principal's and the Superintendent's Honor Rolls.

Madison likes going to church, spending time with family and friends, playing outside, going to the lake, talking on the phone and riding her bike. She is also an active member of the Archery Club and Science Club.

"I want to do well in school and eventually go to college to become a teacher," said Madison.

Clay McNutt

Clay McNutt

Clay, son of Jamie McNutt, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Clay is in the eighth grade at Latta Middle School and was nominated by History teacher and basketball coach Mr. Donnie Husband.

"I have Clay in social studies where he works really hard each day and adds a lot to our question-and-answer sessions," said Mr. Husband. "I also enjoy coaching Clay in basketball."

Clay's hobbies are playing sports, hunting and fishing with his dad and playing video games.

Savannah Weems

Savannah, daughter of Mike and Loraine Weems, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Savannah Weems

Savannah is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by resource specialist Ms. Tisha Martin.

"Savannah is always very helpful and kind to other students and has the sweetest personality," said Ms. Martin.

Savannah is a member of the Chickasaw Nation LEGO League, likes to play video games and baseball and enjoys going fishing.

"I plan on going to college and being a detective," said Savannah.

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start open enrollment

Open enrollment is now being offered by the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program.

Spring enrollment applications are being accepted through the four Chickasaw Nation Head Start locations – Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo. While applications are accepted year-round, recruitment efforts in early spring are designed to promote the unique services offered by the Head Start program.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a child development program that serves income-eligible, Native American and Non-Native American families with children ages three to five. The program is designed to help children learn and react positively to present environments. The program is designed to teach students the skills needed for later responsibilities in school and life. The program also provides transportation services for all Head Start students.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program focuses on providing skill-appropriate services for all Head Start students. Children with special needs and disabilities are a top priority and individuals are encouraged to take advantage of the unique support provided by the Head Start program.

For more information on enrollment or to obtain an application, contact the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Center in your area.

Ada Center (580) 310-6638, Melissa Morgan, Supervisor

Ardmore Center (580) 223-6276, Janice Richardson, Supervisor

Sulphur Center (508) 622-6200, Rhonda Priddy, Supervisor

Tishomingo Center (508) 371-3216, Deloris Campbell, Supervisor.

Chickasaw Foundation 2nd Annual T-Ball Tournament April 30

The Chickasaw Foundation will host its 3rd annual t-ball tournament on April 30 – May 1, 2010 in Ada at the Kiwanis Ball Park. This is a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted.

The tournament cost is $75 per team until April 1. After April 1, the cost will increase to $100. The age cut-off date for players will be January 1 of the current year, and players cannot be seven before then. Please check our website for updates: www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Chickasaw Foundation scholarship application

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2010-2011 scholarship application will soon be available at our website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

You may also call our office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list

'Dreams and Testimonies' book released on cd

Michaela Gutierrez

Native Oklahoman Michaela Mahsetty Gutierrez has released her book on cd, "Dreams and Testimonies" at Hastings Books, Music and Videos.

Gutierrez shares her faith and testimonies with a series of short stories on this cd that will lift your spirits, build your faith and show you that God is with you in all things.

For more information email dreamsandtestimonies@gmail.com or call Hastings.

Signings are scheduled for April 10, 2010 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., at Hastings Books, Music and Videos located in Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound visits state capitol along with other state TRiO students

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) visited the State Capitol along with hundreds of TRiO students from across the state.

The Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA) hosted TRiO Day 2010 on February 17, 2010 at the Oklahoma State Capital. Oklahoma TRiO Day coincides with the date scheduled for recognition of National TRiO Day and serves to highlight the accomplishments of Oklahoma TRiO participants as well as increase awareness of the TRiO programs.

By the late 1960s, the term "TRiO" was coined to describe three federal programs, Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services. However, over the years TRiO programs have been extended to provide a wider range of services and now include Educational Opportunity Centers, Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Upward Bound Math/Science, and Veterans Upward Bound programs across the United States.

Scott Cady, ODSA TRiO Day chair, began the program with a welcome to TRiO students, professionals and honored guests. Our students had the opportunity to listen to state legislators and former TRiO participants reiterate the importance of education and how TRiO programs have assisted low-income, first-generation students in meeting their post-secondary educational goals.

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Tishomingo senior Jayson Rowland named Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Jayson Rowland

Mr. Jayson Rowland, a senior at Tishomingo High School, has been selected the Chickasaw Foundation (CFUB) Student of the Month for February 2010. He has been an active participant in the CFUB program for over two years. While taking care of his mother who is ill, he stayed in high school and strived to improve his grades. He also works at a local drive-in to support his family.

Jayson volunteers at the Chickasaw Capitol Museum once a week, assists at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair yearly and loves working with children. His spare time is spent reading books, writing or working on computers as he hopes to major in computers in college.

As a participant in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program, Jayson has learned about college life, career planning and money management. He has a goal for his future and feels the encouragement of the program and staff have helped him continue his high school education and made college a possibility.

Chickasaw Foundation to celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every year since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

A service of the Points of Light & Hands On Network, this year's theme is Celebrating People in Action. The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week – honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities.

National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example." Volunteers encourage those they help and motivate others to serve.

The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates the many volunteers at our events throughout the year.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Employee Spotlight

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) spotlights…

Barry Burris, Manager of CNI Information Technology (CNIIT), LLC

"Working at CNI allows me the opportunity to pursue a meaningful lifelong career while providing much needed services to the United States Government. My career allows me to pay respect to my heritage by giving back to the Chickasaw Nation."

Barry started with CNI in 2004 working on a FAA Customer Service contract, later he was appointed Assistant Project Manager under the CNI Mentorship program. In January 2007, Barry was promoted to Project Manager where he managed the Corp of Engineer. He was again promoted in 2008 to CNIIT, LLC Manager. Barry's LLC has nearly doubled in contract revenue to approximately 65 million a year. CNIIT, LLC currently has 24 contracts. Barry is a Chickasaw/Choctaw Native American and a descendent of Colbert Ashalatubbi Burris.

Chickasaw Nation Industries has several employment opportunities throughout the United States. Please visit our website at www.chickasaw.com/careers to view our current employment opportunities.

April, May application deadlines upcoming

Mark your calendars for Summer Camps, Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is gearing up for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. The divisions of youth and family, culture, education, health and others focus on providing educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon.

Planned Chickasaw Nation summer 2010 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Environmental Camp

Ada, Okla.

May 25-28

Application deadline May 14

Be enlightened about the world during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

Students, ages eight to 12, get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen, and learn on-going conservation methods.

Kid Play/Parent Caddy Golf Tournamnet

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

Date pending

Registration on site begins at 12:30 p.m.

$15 green fee required

A junior tournament open to Chickasaw students ages eight to 18, this event helps golfers learn the game as they spend the day on the golf course with a family member, who serves as their caddie. Caddies must be 16 or older. Prizes will be awarded by age category: 10 and under, 11-14, and 15 and over.

Native American Junior Open

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Oklahoma

June 1

Registration on site begins at 9:30 a.m.

$20 registration fee required

This qualifying tournament, open to Native American youth ages eight to 18, allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The $20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available.

Camp Survivor

Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.

June 1-4

Application deadline April 19

Open to youth ages nine to 13, Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. For more information, contact Allen Elliott at 580-310-9661, ext. 83261.

Johnson Space School NASA's Space School

Houston, Texas

June 7-11

Application deadline April 15

This school designed to take students ages 15-18 through a challenging week-long exploration of their own engineering talents. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. It is conducted at NASA Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Golf Camp

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.

Application deadline May 10

Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 7-8

Advanced June 9-10

A beginners and intermediate camp and advanced camp is conducted at WinStar Golf Course in Thackerville, Okla. Along with an introduction to the game, participants will receive the tools needed to build a solid foundation for the game of golf and lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. The camp targets 150 Chickasaw youth ages eight to 18 and it is an overnight camp.

Space Camp-Alabama

Huntsville, Ala.

June 14-18

Application Deadline April 15

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala., and designed for students ages 12-14 to discover their engineering talent. Participants get hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science.

Entrepreneurship Academy Southeastern Oklahoma State University

June 14-18

Application deadline May 8

For Chickasaw students ages 15-19 who have an interest in business; the academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. It is conducted on the SOSU campus. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I – June 14-17, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II – June 21-24, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline May 10

Two clinics are offered, a beginner, and an intermediate. The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages eight to 18 and are conducted at the Ada Tennis Center in Ada, Okla. Campers may only apply for one sessions.

Chokka-chaffa' Chikashshanompoli Albinachi (Family Speaking Chickasaw Camp)

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp

Tatanka Ranch,

Stroud, Okla.

Session I- June 20-22

Application deadline May 28

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. Camp participation is limited to ten families on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA)

Ada, Okla.

June 28-July2

Application deadline April 15

CNASA is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane CNASA is day camp is open to fifth through 12th grade students.

Archery Clinics

July 6 - Ages 8-9

July 7- Ages 10-11

Application deadline May 15

These clinics teach the fundamentals of archery, including proper aiming and shooting techniques, and safety tips. Two, one day clinics are open to Chickasaw youth ages eight to 11. For more information, contact Chenae Lippard at 580-421-7711 or email chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net.

Champions Football Camp

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 8-10, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 10

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this day-clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership. Open to male students ages eight to 18, this clinic features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests. Highlights of the clinic include offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 9-10, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 10

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students, on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders ages eight to 14 will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamental geared to their skill level.

Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw)

Camp Goddard, near Davis, Okla.

July 12-14

Application deadline May 10

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibility in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp.

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 15-17

Family Life Center Gym Ada, Okla.

Ardmore Middle School Gym, Ardmore, Okla.

Application deadline May 10

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages eight to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches. Students can attend only one clinic.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)

July 19-30

East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Applications deadline April 5

CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages eight to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy. Auditions for the sixth annual academy are:

Saturday, April 17

University of Central Oklahoma, School of Music

100 N. University Drive, Edmond, Okla.

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Hayaka Unta Camp brings wilderness, families together

DAVIS, Okla. - Seventeen Chickasaw children spent a weekend disconnected from the television and re-connected with nature and their families during Hayaka Unta Spring Camp, March 5-7 at Chickasaw Ranch near Davis.

Hayaka Unta ("to stay in the wilderness") is a unique, tribally-sponsored camp that provides Chickasaw youth and their parents an opportunity to tent camp and try new activities, such as fishing and bow making.

Most campers, young and old, said it's the laid-back, relaxed atmosphere of the camp they most enjoy. Many parents were drawn to the campfire, while their children played the nearby woods Saturday afternoon.

Cuterra Love, of Ada, displays some of the items she discovered during Hayaka Unta.

"I just like being outside, just hanging around and throwing rocks in the water," said 10-year-old Justin Palmer, of Norman.

Justin attended the camp with his dad, Joe Palmer.

Cuterra Love, of Ada, discovered turtle shells at the Chickasaw Ranch.

"Me and my mom are going to paint them and hang them in my room," said the 11-year-old.

Cuterra attended camp with her mother, Twana. The pair stayed up until midnight the first night of camp, just sitting around the campfire.

"Getting away from the television is nice," said Twana.

Easton and Tyson Going II, both of Ada, enjoyed riding on a horse-drawn wagon with their dad, Tyson Going I.

The wagon, pulled by a pair of Belgian mares, was provided by Bill McGehee, of Stonewall.

The boys said they also enjoyed the archery activities.

Camper Dillion Lamb, of Shawnee won a bow handmade by Glen Leming, of Sulphur, during a bow-making seminar.

Campers started the day Saturday with a fishing seminar. Other activities included making dream catchers, target shooting, exploring and hiking, along with all the trappings of tent camping.

Campers were also treated to some great campfire songs and cowboy ballads, led by ranch operations manager Gary Pratt, who is also a well-known cowboy singer and songwriter.

Hayaka Unta is offered in December and March at no charge to Chickasaw families. Proceeds from Chickasaw Nation businesses fund the camp.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620, or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Justin Palmer, left, and his dad Joe called this tent home for three fun -filled days during Hayaka Unta Camp, March 5-7 at the Chickasaw Ranch near Davis. Mike McKee

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Or Saturday, May 1

East Central University, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

1100 E. 14th St., Ada, Okla.

Students ages 13 – 19 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA. All students ages 8 - 19 are invited to audition, but students ages 13 – 19 are required to audition.

Applications can be found on the www.chickasaw.net website.

For more information, contact Laura Stewart at 580-332-1092 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Three separate one-day clinics

Ada

July 21-23

Application deadline May 10

These one-day clinics teach the fundamentals of archery, gun safety and marksmanship techniques. Students use Olympic-style air guns and compound bows to learn Olympic-style target shooting from certified instructors. The camp is open to Chickasaw youth ages 12 to 18.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy

July 26- 29

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 28

Open to Native American youth ages 13 to 17, the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp. Return applications to the Lighthorse Police Headquarters, 1130 West Main, Ada, OK, 74820. For more information, contact the Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-1166.

Yakni Moma Alphisa

Justice for a Nation Court Camp

Aug. 2-3

Ada Community Center

Application deadline June 11

A two-day clinic that educates students, ages 10-18, about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. A mock trial is scheduled for the second day.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net.

Himitta Alhiha Hoochokoshkomo

"The Youth Are Playing" Language Sports Camp

August 5 - grades 1-6

Community Center, Tishomingo, OK

August 6 - grades 1-6

Old Gym – Carter Seminary, Ardmore, OK

August 7 - grades 1-6

Comanche / Duncan area, Location To Be Determined

Application deadline July 23

Himitta Alhiha Hoochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540.

All applicants must include a copy of their Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Locations are subject to change.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; phone (580) 310-6620; fax (580) 310-6626.

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Deadline to apply is June 30. An applicant should find out within three weeks from the deadline date if he/she qualifies.

Eligibility

Must be Chickasaw citizen

Must be between 9-14 years of age

Chickasaw citizenship card

Contact: Sara Willie
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Link to Chickasaw past, Spanish Mustangs, need good homes

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DeSoto and the Chickasaw Horse

After Hernando de Soto and his "conquistadors" were routed and vanquished by the ancestral Chickasaws in March 1541, the Chickasaws undoubtedly captured some of the spoils of victory, which eventually changed their lives and their descendants' lives as well.

These were the Spanish Mustangs that carried the load (soldiers and supplies) of de Soto's gold-seeking expedition across what is now the southeastern United States. It isn't known for sure that Chickasaws captured any of the 200 or so horses because these warriors didn't write reports and the Spanish were not around to witness it.

Yet, clearly the Chickasaws had the chance and it would be highly unlikely that they did not understand the tremendous advantages to owning horses, even if they had never seen any. Word of de Soto's murderous expedition preceded him, together with what must have been colorful descriptions of the horses, their speed, strength, and endurance.

They would have noticed the similarity of horses to deer. So it's no coincidence that the Chickasaw word for horse, issoba, is so close to deer, issi', says Joshua Hinson, director of the tribe's language program. "Chickasaws compared new things to something in their known world, and that's how new words like issoba came about."

As the Spanish were fleeing the burning village of Chikasha, some of the inexperienced Chickasaws must have captured a number of the small but muscular mustangs in presumably novel ways. As for the rest, Spanish notes of the expedition state that many of the horses were killed in the battle, while other horses were taken by the fleeing Spanish. Possibly a few just kept on running into the night.

But almost certainly on March 3, 1541, the victorious Chickasaws gave some of the Spanish Mustangs a new home. They became the first Chickasaw horses.

Now some descendants of Spanish Mustangs, which flourished among the Chickasaws and other Southeastern tribes, and were taken by them by the tens of thousands on removal trails to Indian Territory, need a new home. And soon.

One of the timber companies, which owns the land in the wooded hills of Pushmataha County where generations of the horses have lived free of restraints, seems determined to get them off its land, one way or another, says Bryant Rickman, chairman of the Southwest Spanish Mustang Association.

Wild Spanish Mustangs in SE Oklahoma

Rickman grew up riding Spanish Mustangs on the family ranch near Antlers, Oklahoma. And although he's owned and bred other horses, including the similar but larger quarter horses, the Spanish Mustangs, he says, "are the only horses for me and my family. If you respect them, they will do anything for you."

He also cited two other qualities that make them unique: "Once they hit their stride, they have superior endurance; they can gallop for more miles than most riders would want to go. And they thrive in terrain that other horses would find too inhospitable to survive. That's why they have survived basically on their own for all these generations."

Rickman not only owns and breeds them, but he has a passion for saving and perpetuating this "special breed of horse in American [and Native American] history." His interest in the breed was inspired by the late Gilbert Jones who since the 1950s had been working to preserve them in the wild in southeastern Oklahoma--as they had been for as long as anyone could remember.

Photo courtesy of Karen Jacob, The Choctaw Nation.

Jones secured small grazing leases from the timber companies that owned more than one million acres of unfenced land. Before statehood, this had been termed unallotted or surplus land jointly owned by the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. After statehood, the federal government had sold many parcels of the timberlands to timber companies at bargain basement rates. As a result, tribal members received small per capita payments.

A portion of this land, near Antlers, Oklahoma, encompassed Blackjack Mountain, where many of the horses spent most of their time as had their ancestors owned by Choctaw families (and a few Chickasaws) since they settled the area following the Trail of Tears.

The bloodline designation of the horses was based on the historic origin of the horses, says Dr. Phil Sponenberg, DVM, professor of pathology and genetics at Virginia Tech University. So, he says, these wild horses generally have been referred to for generations as Choctaw horses. Horses from Cherokee or Chickasaw families carry those names, but all of them have the DNA and the characteristics of Spanish Mustangs.

Jones's goals in acquiring the horses were to breed them with other Spanish Mustangs to keep the bloodline going and pure, and to allow them to continue to roam free on the unfenced land, most of which was owned by timber companies. Rickman, a former vocational agricultural teacher, met Jones in the late 1970s and soon became his disciple for preserving Spanish Mustangs. Dr. Sponenberg was also an ally, and some of his scientific papers on Spanish Mustangs are posted on various web sites.

When Jones was nearing the end of his life in the late 1990s, he told Rickman he would give him all of his horses and land, as well as leased land, if the younger man would promise to look

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Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

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Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
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New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings- Albuquerque, NM
Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776

NORTH CAROLINA
Chickasaws of North Carolina
Quarterly Meetings- Fayetteville, NC
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Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

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2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- San Antonio, TX
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.- Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Texarkana Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Texarkana, TX
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Due to a scheduling conflict, the North Texas Community Council April and May meeting dates have changed.

Please mark your calendars with the new dates:

April 10 and May 22 at 2 p.m.

The meetings will still be conducted at the same location, Bedford Boys Ranch Park, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford, Texas.

All Chickasaw citizens and their families are welcome.

For more information, please call John Atkins at (972) 271-0692.

N. Carolina Chickasaw Community Council

Chickasaw Citizens living in the North Carolina area gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in Fayetteville on March 6, 2010 to visit, enjoy refreshments, and hear speakers from the Chickasaw Nation.

Mike Wingo, Customer Service Coordinator from Chickasaw Housing & Tribal Development talked about the Home Improvement Grant, the Handicap Accessibility Grant and the Storm Shelter Program.

Sandi Sanders, Director of Tribal Health Services described the tribal health programs to assist at-large citizens with prescriptions, eye glasses and other services.

For future meeting information please contact Vickye Gordon at (866) 466-1481.

Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council

Due to the inclement weather in January, the Chickasaws of Texoma conducted their January meeting on February 25, at the Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center, 1400 Enos Road, Kingston, Okla.

After a delicious meal, Lisa Bumpus, Deputy Administrator, Chickasaw Nation Health System caught us up to date on the state of the art new hospital being built in Ada. It looks like it will be a good place to improve one's health. Following her power point presentation, there was a question and answer session.

Kevin Tiger, Specialist Regional Youth, Youth and Family Services, also explained the Leadership Program available for 14-18 year old Chickasaws.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 22 at the same location. Please join us for dinner and hear information about the new Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. Our meetings are open to all Chickasaws and their families.

For more information call Patsy Bailey at (580) 564-2306 or Ruth McAdoo at (580) 564-6803.

Pacific NW Chickasaw Community Council

Our spring council gathering will be Saturday, May 22 at the Vancouver (Washington) Marshall Community Center from 1:30-4:30. A local speaker is yet to be determined.

Also, this summer will mark our one-year anniversary as a new council and the advisory team would like your input on how best to celebrate this milestone. We are seeking ideas for venue as well as any special activities. Contact Rena, 503-543-7401, or Kim, 503-819-3097 with your suggestions, ideas or questions. Happy spring everyone!

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Chickasaw Infantryman earns Silver Star on the Italian front

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Doing her job, sorting through the mail, Ella Jean Shipman saw that the big envelope was addressed to her parents, and a terrible sense of foreboding came over her. She felt strongly that this was about her brother, D.C. Shipman, who, in that spring of 1944, was in an Army infantry unit fighting the Germans in Italy.

As a postal employee in Marietta, Oklahoma, Ella Jean knew that it would be illegal for her to do anything with that envelope except make sure it got delivered. But acting as a daughter, she felt she had a higher duty to her mother to screen bad news. So she ripped open the envelope and found a clipping from The Daily Oklahoman and a big glossy photograph of D.C.

Ella Jean cried as she read the article: a general had presented a Silver Star for gallantry to Corporal Shipman near Chianni, Italy. But these were not tears of joy; when she looked at the photograph of D.C., she had burst into tears.

The man in the picture was barely recognizable to her. When he left home, he was handsome, robust, and worked hard to keep himself in great shape. Although D.C. was still only 24 years old, Ella Jean thought the image made him look gaunt like an old man; he d obviously lost a lot of weight.

But even worse was his utterly blank expression. He looked like he had emotionally shut down. She didn t know if this was a defense mechanism or if he had actually gone over the edge. Horrified, she vowed to keep the picture from her mother and siblings. Still, for some reason, she didn t destroy it.

From Marietta to the CCC

He was born Dan Calvin Shipman in 1920, but was never known by anything but D.C. He was the first of five children born to Thad Shipman and Nora Alice Renick. Ella Jean was the third child. D.C.'s father had Cherokee blood, but this went unrecorded on the Dawes Roll because Thad's father did not want the Indian side of her family to be acknowledged. D.C.'s mother, Nora, had Chickasaw and Choctaw blood from her mother, Ella Waychubby, who died of heart failure when the children were small.

Thad was a barber, but like most folks had so little income that he and Nora were obliged to grow their own food. The economy in the 1920s was never favorable to farm families, and by the early 1930s, the United States was mired in the Great Depression. In 1936 the family needed more income, so D.C., 16, dropped out of school after he finished the ninth grade and joined millions of others looking for work.

Around this same time, D.C.'s uncle, Jesse Renick, had completed his participation in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program in south-central Oklahoma and recommended it to D.C., who was only three years his junior.

The objective of the CCC, as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal for coping with the economic chaos and high unemployment, was to salvage America's young men by putting them to work conserving the nation s natural resources. The fact that Jesse, better known as Cab, weighed a spindly 147 pounds when he entered the service and a well-muscled 186 when he left was all the evidence D.C. needed that the CCC was for him. But apparently there were no openings in Oklahoma, so he and his group were bussed to the CCC camp in Centennial, Wyoming.

His sister Ella Jean remembers that to make the minimum weight, D.C. said he had to eat a dozen bananas. He was accepted and spent 1937 (two, six-month terms) building roads and bridges and planting trees. Food, housing, and $30 a month were provided, although $25 of that amount was automatically forwarded to the families of the CCC workers. Ella Jean recalls that the money was a great help to the family.

Meanwhile, D.C., like his uncle Cab Renick, emerged from the CCC a solid 185 pounds. But there the similarities stopped. Because Cab had a high school diploma and superior basketball skills, he was recruited successfully by Murray State College in Tishomingo to play basketball and football. He later played for Coach Henry Iba at Oklahoma A&M and was captain of the U.S. Olympic basketball team, which won the Gold Medal in Paris in 1948.1

D.C. was athletic, but well short of a high school diploma, and there was no money for college. So while his uncle starred on the A&M team and graduated in 1940, D.C. drifted around Oregon from job-to-job, in a hand-to-mouth existence not unlike so many other Americans his age who lived during those years.

He was working in a shipyard in Portland, Oregon when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. A day or two later, D.C. registered for the draft, and his number came up rather quickly in 1942.

D.C. Shipman, looking very, very young, receives a Silver Star for risking his life repeatedly while undoubtedly saving the lives of many soldiers in his regiment. While he was proud of his service, he hated war.

His 12 weeks of Army basic training was at Medford, Oregon. During that time, he and another young man named Larry Land struck up a close friendship. When they were on leave, Larry and D.C. visited D.C.'s parents, then living in Niles, California. They had fled the Dust Bowl like so many other Okies during the Depression to try to find a better life in California.

According to Ella Jean, her parents just loved Larry, right from the start. And, it comforted them to know that D.C. and Larry were going to be looking out for one another. In the minds of the young men, there was no question that they, as infantrymen, would soon be in combat. Just before D.C. and Larry left to return to Medford to ship out, Larry announced to a shocked Ella Jean that when the war was over he was going to marry her.

On to Chianni

Assigned to the 91st Infantry Division, D.C. and Larry arrived in the north-African port of Algiers in the spring of 1944 to prepare for the campaign to free Italy from Axis control. Rome had been liberated on June 4, and the role of the 91st was to take part in Allied assaults against German units farther north up the Italian peninsula.

The more immediate objective was to capture Leghorn, Italy; as the third largest port, it was deemed to be of great military importance. But first, the 91st would have to dislodge the enemy from entrenchments in the mountainous terrain south of the port city. The German commander had convinced Hitler that every inch of Italy should be defended to keep the Allies out of Germany. It was clear that the outcome of the campaign would be decided by countless bitterly fought, costly, and small-unit frontal assaults.

Because Corporal Shipman had been trained as a wireman, he had the crucial responsibility to lay and maintain a telephone line between the command post and a forward artillery observation post. In a complex and coordinated assault, it was essential for infantry and artillery to have continuous communication with headquarters.

He understood that his job could be very dangerous, but he didn't know the full extent of his vulnerability until his unit neared the small town of Chianni on July 12, 1944. As he was advancing alone, laying the wire, he was spotted by German soldiers, who opened fire with a barrage of bullets and mortars. He hunkered down, not only to save himself, but also to collect himself. He felt alone and very frightened, but his fellow infantrymen covered him as best they could with firepower. After a bit, Shipman edged forward, hoping for the best.

According to an Army report, bullets from rifles and machine guns spattered the earth all around him while mortars were homing in, exploding ever closer to him. Suddenly, the concussion of one explosion knocked him senseless. When he came to, he was dizzy, his mind was muddled, his ears were ringing, and blood was running from his ears and nose. After what could have been a few moments (or half an hour for all he knew), he gathered himself and amid more gunfire, finished laying the line.

Establishing telephone communication was only part of the job. The enemy periodically shot at the wire and several times that day they succeeded in severing it. Each time, D.C. cautiously scuttled forward

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sometimes drawing fire, sometimes not to repair the line. The rat-a-tats of the shooting and the explosions were muffled by the damage to his hearing, from which he never fully recovered.

When asked, he told me he wasn't the only GI to repair the communication lines that day. I asked him if any of the others received medals for heroism. No, he said, without elaboration. On August 3, Corporal Shipman received the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry from the commanding officer Major General William G. Livesay. It is the third highest award for heroism in combat.

This was reported in the news clipping intercepted by Ella Jean. The article also noted that Shipman had been awarded the Purple Heart. (Inexplicably, he never received the medal, nor did he pursue the matter. The ending of this article suggests why he did not.)

Despite his loss of hearing and other injuries related to the concussive nature of the blast, D.C. continued laying wire and combating the enemy for several more months. In fact, over the next year, his unit was in combat for 271 days. He was also awarded a Bronze Star, but can't recall (or doesn't want to recall) why he received the medal.

During that year, Ella Jean wrote to her brother frequently, often asking about Larry Land. D.C. wrote back but never wrote anything about the war or mentioned his best friend. Then, one day as she was reading his most recent letter, she was stunned to learn that Larry had been killed. He and others were engaged in taking a strategic hill when he was shot in the leg. He ignored the badly bleeding wound and kept pursuing the enemy until he was too weak to continue. When a medic got to him, it was too late: he had bled to death.

Like many veterans of World War II, D.C. did not discuss his combat experiences. But in 1983, he made a trip from his long-time home in Myrtle Creek, Oregon to visit relatives in Oklahoma. While staying at Ella Jean's house in Ardmore, he told her that if he began screaming in his sleep, she should, if anything, touch him lightly and he would be all right. The nightmares, he told her, were related to the war. He said that shooting enemy soldiers had not bothered him that much; they were usually off in the distance, and it was less personal that way.

However, he told her that one encounter had haunted him for years. He was on patrol and came upon a German soldier hiding in a chicken coop. Before either man could shoot, they were at one another's throats. D.C. overpowered the soldier and grabbing an ice pick, stabbed the German repeatedly until he was lifeless. D.C. didn't feel guilt - it was kill or be killed. But the nature of the combat stripped away the impersonal veneer of their struggle.

He also told Ella Jean that he had prayed to God many times on July 12. He strongly believed that the Lord was with him throughout that long, harrowing day. He said it's the only thing that makes any sense to him.

Life After the War

D.C. remained in Italy for a few months after the combat ended. When I asked him if he had enjoyed living in Italy after the fighting stopped, he said emphatically, NO, I did not enjoy being there one bit. When he arrived back in the States, he weighed 135 pounds and was suffering from malaria, which caused him to pass out on an Oakland street one day prior to discharge. He was hospitalized against his will because it caused him to miss a hot date that night, Ella Jean recalls.

It was just as well because D.C. wouldn't meet his wife, Zelma, until 1946. This past December 6, they observed their 62nd wedding anniversary at their home in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, halfway between Eugene and Medford where D.C. completed his basic training. It wouldn't be accurate to say they celebrated the occasion because D.C., at 89 years old, is too frail for celebrations. Aside from old age, his precarious health stems from two conditions. One is a lung disease, chronic silicosis, due to years of exposure to silica during his career in mining.

He also had a congenital heart valve defect that required two operations in 1977 and 1996. Following the first surgery, Ella Jean says he inexplicably began experiencing a recurrence of vivid nightmares connected with the war. He suffered a number of small strokes that have severely limited his ability to have meaningful conversations.

That is why the material for so much of this article on D.C. came from Ella Jean and Zelma. D.C. has his bad days and his better days, and his memory seems relatively intact. He can answer questions with short answers, but elaboration seems beyond him. As Zelma told me, He's not the D.C. we used to have.

Last year, Ella Jean sent him a jacket with the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation on the back. It's a bit big on his 130 pound frame, but D.C. is proud of what it symbolizes. He knows he was a warrior in the Great War and that he did his duty honorably for his country. But, Ella Jean says this warrior's message for posterity is succinct: war is terrible, much more terrible than non-combatants will ever know or could fathom. He told her this a long time ago, and it was the last time he ever said anything about the war to his sister. There was no doubt in her mind that this was exactly how he wanted to leave it.

D.C. Shipman died Feb. 21, 2010.

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(Endnotes)

1 A profile of Jesse Cab Renick is contained in Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories, published by the Chickasaw Press in 2009.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wanda Berry, David Sloan, Rita Loder, Jolean Walker, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Charles Tate, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, S. Ashley Large, Tony Choate, and Judd Hawthorn

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 20, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes vote

The motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 27-015, Formal Congratulations to Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel as the New President of the National Congress of American Indians

This resolution recognizes that NCAI has placed Chickasaw Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel in a position of high honor, not only for himself but also for the Chickasaw Nation. It also grants Lt. Governor Keel the support of the Chickasaw Nation and congratulates him for his current success.

A motion was made by Mr Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-015.

Chairperson Easterling relinquished the Chair to commend Lieutenant Govern Keel on his success and to serve as president of the National Congress of American Indians. She regained the Chair.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-015 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution 27-013. Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Tim Colbert

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Tim Colbert to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Colbert will fill a three-year term ending on October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Tim Colbert

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR27-013 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 27-014, Support of the Indian Land Consolidation Program

This resolution supports the Indian Land Consolidation Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office of the BIA will receive funds through the Cobell Settlement which will be used by the Indian Land Consolidation Program to purchase undivided fractional interest from trust and restricted allotments within the Eastern Area. This will benefit the Chickasaw Nation by increasing the Nation's land base.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-014.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus,

David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-014 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) **ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 27-002, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-303 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Holidays)

This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to allow for the closing of voter registration. If such date falls on a federal or tribal holiday voter registration will close the following day.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR27-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus,

David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-002 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on restricted Indian lands and per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
March 8, 2010
Present: Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz
Absent: Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee
March 8, 2010
Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee
March 8, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert

March 15, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Shana Hammond

Special Projects Committee
March 15, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

MARCH 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number GR27-016
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
(Ardmore Health Center Replacement)

Explanation: The expanding service population far exceeds the existing capabilities of the current facility to provide adequate health services for the Indian population. A new and expanded health center facility is needed to provide the anticipated health service needs of our Indian community.

The selection of the Chickasaw Nation to participate in the IHS Joint Venture Construction program provides the opportunity to generate IHS resources to operate the new facility with the Nation providing the design, construction and equipment funding.

The project will include the renovation of the existing facility as well as an addition of new space. The new clinic space will be adjacent to the existing health center. The renovated and expanded clinic will complement the other existing tribal facilities on the site, further developing the Ardmore campus.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Health Center Replacement, JVCP, Project Number CNHS-1002 in the amount of $32,400,000.00, as further described and detailed in Exhibit A

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-017
Resolution Granting Approval of Application for Funding
for the Reentry Mentoring Initiative (RMI)

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Bureau of Justice Administration to recruit, train and incorporate Chickasaw mentors into the present Program Operations reentry program. Mentoring will begin during the mentee's incarceration, and will continue through the mentee's post-release transition back into the community. The initiative will also include transitional services, such as case management, transitional residential housing, life/parenting skills training and job readiness training. The grant will focus on, but will not be limited to, female adult offenders who are over 18 years old. This grant serves Native Americans.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-018
No Extension of Sovereign Immunity to Tribally-Owned Corporate Entities

Explanation: This resolution affirms that the Chickasaw Nation shall incorporate, acquire, or establish an ownership interest in a state-law business entity only for purposes that would require the management of substantive and transactional risk and liabilities by a manner other than invocation of tribal sovereign immunity. Accordingly, this resolution declares that:

(a) tribally owned business entities (including, but not limited to, LLCs, corporations, companies and other formally organized, limited liability structures) properly formed under and managed in accord with state law shall not benefit from the Chickasaw Nation's sovereign immunity from suit, and

(b) notwithstanding such declared limitation, the Chickasaw Nation's ability to invoke its immunity from suit for its own benefit and purposes shall be in no way limited or impaired.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution was submitted after the deadline and is needed immediately for business reasons.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

Abstain: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution 27-003
Amendments to Title 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Chickasaw Nation Professional Boxing Licensing Act)

Explanation: This resolution provides for the enactment of the "Chickasaw Nation Professional Boxing Licensing Act" to be administered by the Gaming Commissioner of the Chickasaw Nation. The Act will allow Chickasaw businesses to provide public entertainment in the form of boxing, wrestling, and kickboxing, including the martial arts. Attachment "A" hereto contains additional information.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

ATTACHMENT "A"

· Professional boxing (along with similar events) is a significant and growing economic opportunity, particularly when conducted in conjunction with casino-style gaming.

· The opportunity or option to host professional boxing (or similar events) at the Nation's premiere gaming facilities would offer a substantial economic opportunity—an opportunity that some other tribal nations in Oklahoma and several other tribes throughout the west are already pursuing.

· Federal law establishes a primary regulatory framework for the conduct of professional boxing events.

· Federal law essentially delegates regulatory duties to:

a. state boxing commissions, which bodies have no jurisdiction within Indian country, and

b. tribal boxing commissions, which bodies do have such jurisdiction.

· Generally speaking, a tribe that wants to pursue hosting of professional boxing (along with similar events) would accordingly have to either:

a. compact with the relevant state boxing commission, thus authorizing such body to exercise jurisdiction over the subject matter within that tribe's Indian country, or

b. compact with another tribe that has authorized and operates a tribal boxing commission, thus authorizing that body to exercise jurisdiction over the subject matter within the tribe's Indian country, or

c. establish its own boxing commission and regulate the subject matter directly.

· Pursuant to Chickasaw Nation leadership discussions over the past year, CNDC has developed a draft resolution that would pursue the third option, i.e., enacting a "Chickasaw Nation Professional Boxing Licensing Act." If enacted, this measure would:

a. authorize the conduct of professional boxing (along with similar events) within the Chickasaw Nation and subject to applicable federal law regulations, and

b. delegate duties for the implementation of such Act (i.e., promulgate rules, issue and enforce licenses, etc.) to the CNOGC.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly EasterlingPR27-003

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
April 6: 10 a.m. and noon
April 8: 10 a.m. and noon
April 13: 10 a.m. and noon
April 15: 10 a.m. and noon
May 4: 10 a.m. and noon
May 6: 10 a.m. and noon
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
April 7: 10 a.m. and noon
April 14: 10 a.m. and noon
April 15: 6 p.m.
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
April 6: 10 a.m. and noon
April 7: 10 a.m. and noon
April 13: 10 a.m. and noon
April 14: 10 a.m. and noon
May 4: 10 a.m. and noon
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
April 6: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
April 8: 10 a.m. and noon
April 13: 10 a.m. and noon and 7 p.m
April 15: 10 a.m. and noon
May 4: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
May 6: 10 a.m. and noon
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon and 7 p.m
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

Full-time positions open at the Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter
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(580) 272-7272 ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net

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Chickasaw Nation Health System
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2010 Children's Fair set for April 24 at Pontotoc County Agriplex

ADA, Okla. - The 2010 Children's Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.

The event celebrates Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

This year's event will feature performances by several Chickasaw Nation groups as well as a fashion show, baby party, diaper dash and much more!

The Children's Fair is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591.

CONTRIBUTED BY Karissa Pickett, Public Affairs

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

CNHS At-Large case manager will help

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Health System programs available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Oklahoma Optical

Oklahoma Optical is located at 1005 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

A new showroom and large display area makes finding the right style more convenient for customers!

Oklahoma Optical is open to everyone.

For more information, please contact Dixie Ernst-Phillips at (580) 332-2796.

Sulphur kids enjoy Thunder-Jazz NBA game

Sulphur Boys and Girls Club T.R.A.I.L. (Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life) participants had fun at the OKC Thunder and Utah Jazz basketball game at the Ford Center, Oklahoma City, Okla. March 14. Front row, from left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Dannie Davidson, Matt Clark, Kassie Bess, Brianna Bess, Larry Bess, Josh Bess, Oscar Gore, Christina Gore and Kim Tankersley. Bottom row, from left, Aries Couch, Jennifer Rowell, Destiny Rowell, Braydan Bess, Chynna McDonald, Kellan Brown, Diego Lopez, Darin Jones, Cameron Jones, Darnell Colbert, Adrian Brown, Tia Upshaw, Zion Couch, Jordy Osornio, Alison England, Spencer Gore, Laura Carter and Chelsey Ott. For more information contact about the T.R.A.I.L program, contact Joshua Bess, Boys and Girls Club Health and Fitness Coordinator at (580) 622-8442.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

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are available at the above address.

Deadline to apply is June 30. An applicant should find out within three weeks from the deadline date if he/she qualifies.

Eligibility
Must be Chickasaw citizen
Must be between the ages of 6-8 years old
Chickasaw citizenship card
Contact:Sara Willie
Phone: (580) 421-7711
Email: sara.willie@chickasaw.net

FIRST Robotics Competition About

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a sport of the mind designed to help high school students discover the interesting and rewarding life of engineers and researchers. The competition challenges teams of students and mentors to solve a common problem by designing and building a robot in a six-week time frame using a standard kit of parts and a common set of rules. To compete in competitions, students must focus on design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism, maturity and the ability to overcome obstacles. Required forms are available at the above address.

Deadline to apply is June 30. An applicant should find out within three weeks from the deadline date if he/she qualifies.

Eligibility
Must be Chickasaw citizen
Must be between 15-18 years old
Chickasaw citizenship card
Contact: Sara Willie
Phone: (580) 421-7711
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In loving memory of Mattie Jo Gilbert

"We love you and miss you mom (Grandma Jo)"

He Only Takes the Best

God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "Come with me."
With tear-filled eyes we watched her suffer and fade away
Although we loved her deeply,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
loving and gentle hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He Only takes the Best.

Winnie Burris

Winnie Burris, 86, of Madill, Okla., died Feb. 18, 2010 at Marshall County Medical Center, of Madill. Funeral services were Feb. 19, 2010 at Shay Cemetery, Shay, Okla. with Pastor Weldon Wright officiating. Music arranged by Jay and Giner Moore and nieces.

She was born May 14, 1923 at Willis, Okla., to the late Earnest Wallace and Vivian Hayes Wallace. She was raised in the Willis and Shay area.

She married Odell McDonald. He preceded her in death.

Later she married Colonel Burris on Oct. 26, 1945 at Gainesville, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 22, 1988.

She lived in New Mexico and Colorado before moving back to Marshall County where she lived for the past 47 years.

Mrs. Burris worked for several years at Brookside Nursing Center and the Family Care Center in Kingston, Okla. She worked as a volunteer for the Chickasaw Nation food program for several years.

She was affiliated with the Assembly of God faith and she enjoyed cooking, cleaning, yard work, grandkids, going to garage sales and she loved auctions.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Averil Wallace and Doyle Wallace; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Wayne McDonald, of Grand Prairie, Texas, Bobby Burris, Carl Burris, Scott Burris, all of Madill; a daughter, Glenda Huffman, of Kingston; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Davis, of Kingston.

Condolences can be left at wattsfuneralhome.com

Raymond Robert Ebisch

Raymond Richard Ebisch, 79, of Lawton, Okla., died March 5, 2010 at lawton. A private family service will be conducted at a later date at Highland Cemetery, Lawton.

Mr. Ebisch was born Sept. 1, 1930 at Lawton, to C.A. Frederick and Clotilde (Millican) Ebisch. He grew up in Lawton and attended St. Mary's Catholic School. He graduated from Lawton High School and attended Cameron College.

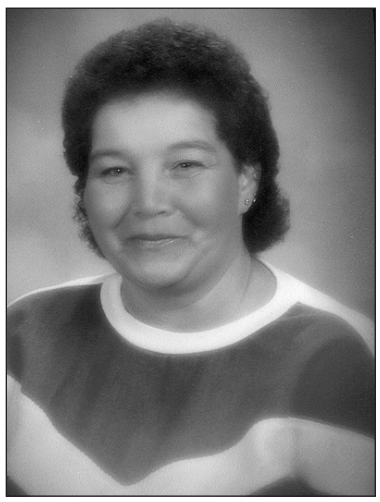
He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He worked in the family dry cleaning business for many years and was a heavy equipment operator for the roads department in Grandfield, Okla., until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Fredrick and Robert; and a granddaughter, Erin Morrison.

He is survived by three daughters, Pam Morrison, of Lawton, Lisa Kay Harris and husband, Doyle, of Dallas, and Teresa Kirkendall and husband, Rich, of Lima, Ohio; five sisters, Mildred Brown and husband, Dick, of Ames, Iowa, Marie Southern and husband, Bill, of Two Rivers, Wis., Carol Sue Ebisch, of Ninnekah, Okla., and O'Rhetta Lee Ebisch, of Lawton; a brother, Paul Ebisch and wife, Vicki, of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Ebisch had a beautiful smile and love in his heart for his family and friends. He will be truly missed.

Mattie Jo (Gibbs) Gilbert



Mattie Jo (Gibbs) Gilbert, 71, died Feb. 1, 2010 after a prolonged illness. Graveside services were Feb. 5, at the Kingston (OK) Cemetery.

She was born June 11, 1938 at Shay, Okla.

She lived the last 26 years of her life at Kingston and Ardmore, Okla.

She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and is greatly loved and will be truly missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Kathleen Gibbs; and a sister, Peggy (Goff) Bradshaw.

She is survived by her children, daughter, Kathy and husband, Michael Perry, of Crescent, Okla., son, Jimmy and wife, Debbi Gilbert, of Hermitage, Tenn., son, Stephen Gilbert, of Kingston, son, John and wife, Carol Gilbert, of Edmond, Okla., and son, Michael Gilbert, of Kingston. She was the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren on the way; two sisters, Pat and husband, Melvin Meyer, of Yukon, Okla., and Kay and husband, John Weger, of Tulsa; brothers, Manuel (Dick) and wife, Donna Gibbs, of Pink, Okla., and John Gibbs, of Indianapolis; and many nieces and nephews.

Lon Wilma Serbanich

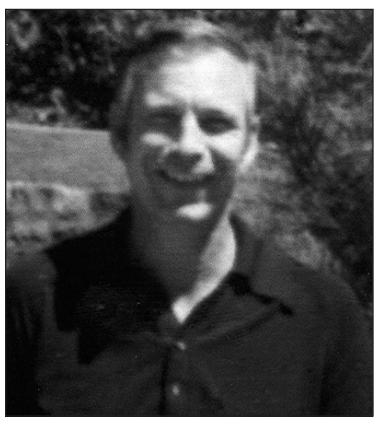
Lon Wilma Serbanich, 91, died July 29, 2009 peacefully at her home at Garland, Texas. She was born Dec. 8, 1917 at Albany, Okla., to original enrollee Daisy (Moore) and Alonzo Reeves.

Mrs. Serbanich was very proud of her Indian blood which traced back through Daisy Moore to Lemuel Capel Moore, Caatherine Mitchell Moore, Delilah Love Mitchell and Sally (House of In-cun-no-mar) to James Colbert.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her eight siblings; and a grandchild.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, George Serbanich; three sons, George Edward Serbanich, Michael Serbanich and David Serbanich; a daughter, Amelia Wright; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

John Green



John Green, 73, of Noblesville, Ind., died Feb. 26, 2010 at Indianapolis. Services were March 2, 2010 at the First Christian Church of Noblesville with the Rev. David Livingston officiating.

He was born Sept. 22, 1936 at Cushing, Okla., to John Henry Green, Sr., and Lorene Raye Powell Green. He was the great-grandson of Charlie Sheco.

Mr. Green was retired from Shell Oil Company. He was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville and a member of Noblesville Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite.

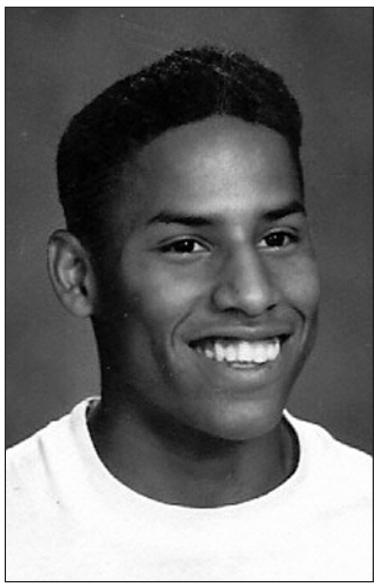
For more than 35 years he was with the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded the Silver Beaver and the God and Country Awards.

Mr. Green was proud of his Indian Heritage. He was a member of the Great Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Green, of the home; a son, Michael Green and wife, Janie; a daughter, Jennifer Horsfield and husband, Scott; four grandchildren, Kyle Green and wife, Ashley, Matthew Green, Jill Horsfield and Molly Horsfield; three brothers, James, Bud and Richard Green; and a sister, Margie Testerman.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Christian Church Youth Group or Boy Scouts of American Troop No. 105. Both are to be made in care of First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman, Blvd, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Michael Germaine London



Michael Germaine London, 37, died Feb. 24, 2010 at Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services were Feb. 27, 2010 at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery with the Rev. Kirk Rushing officating.

Mr. London was born Jan. 26, 1973 at Greenville, Texas to Sanford Lorens and Yvonne London.

He graduated from Ardmore High School and worked as a fast food cook.

He will be remembered for being a beautiful person.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Yvonne London; grandmother, Louvinna Antwine; grandmother, Mary Wallace; and an uncle, Danny Bennett.

He is survived by his father, Sanford Lorens, of Ardmore; step-mother, Patricia Wallace, of Ardmore; a daughter, Raven Londen, of Ardmore; a son, Kamri London, of Oklahoma City; five brothers, Elex, of Colorado, Sanford, Jr., Andrea, and Bruce, all of Ardmore, and Randall, of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Karen, of Virginia, Clarissa Pickens, and Shandra "Shae Shae" Pickens, both of Ardmore; a very special friend, Shanell and Ta Ta; and a host of family and friends.

Condolences can be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

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after the horses for the rest of his life. Rickman promised and assumed the chairmanship of Jones's organization, the Southwestern Spanish Mustang Association in 1998. Jones passed away at age 93 in 2000.

By then, the herd had increased to about 600 head. The timber companies evidently believed that they could co-exist with the horses, Rickman said, because no problems surfaced; the horses continued to run free and thrive without any human assistance. Rickman says that occasionally, a few members of the herd would roam onto private land, and if the owners wanted them removed, they would call Rickman who would oblige them.

Photo courtesy of Karen Jacob, The Choctaw Nation.

It wasn't that big a chore, he says, because by that time, he had established a relationship with many of the horses. They knew him and would come when called.

All of this changed, according to Rickman, in 2007, when one timber company (out of several that owned the former Choctaw-Chickasaw land) informed him and several other lessees that they must get the horses off their property by February 2008. The company's property included Blackjack Mountain and the area around it, a portion of which shares a boundary with Rickman's land.

Considering the terrain and untamed nature of the horses, Rickman considered this to be an impossible demand. Still, he tried, and over the next three years was able to capture about 400 mustangs and remove them to his 200-acre ranch, where he managed his own small herd. He says he placed as many horses as he could as soon as he could. But despite the almost ruinous expense of feeding and maintaining so many horses, he wouldn't place any horses with people who weren't committed to preserving the bloodline. People who wouldn't look Rickman in the eye and make the commitment would leave with no horses.

The timber company sued Rickman and eight other ranchers with leases for approximately $840,000 in alleged damages in federal district court in Muskogee. But the parties settled and according to one provision all of the horses left on Blackjack Mountain after February 8, 2010, would be subject to seizure by the wardens of the state wildlife department and would be disposed of as the department would see fit.

So at the beginning of this last winter, Rickman was faced with the financial burden of feeding and caring for several hundred Spanish Mustangs. He made it through with some help from his friends and neighbors. But every time he found some horses new homes, including a few Chickasaws, a few more wild ones would turn up one way or the other.

The settlement also prohibits Rickman from capturing the horses on the timber company's land. But that hasn't stopped him from setting up salt traps around the property's perimeter, to lure the horses into captivity. But by capturing them, he will actually be liberating them from whatever action the timber company or wildlife department eventually takes.

Chance to Preserve Indian Horses

A few months ago, Rickman approached the Choctaw Nation for help with finding ranchers willing to care for and preserve the horses that he cannot continue to keep. An article about the horses appeared in the tribal newspaper, Bishinik, and as a result, Rickman was able to place additional horses. Even T. Boone Pickens and his wife, Madeleine, helped place a few of the horses, according to Karen Jacob, who wrote the article for the paper.

Kennedy Brown, chair of the Chickasaw Historical Society, saw the article and brought the matter to the attention of the society's board of directors. Board member Mike Cornelius contacted Rickman and invited him to make a presentation to the board last fall. Brown told me that Rickman came prepared with articles, documentation, and an obvious passion for preserving the Spanish Mustangs. "There is no doubt Bryant Rickman is a credible person," Brown says. After word got out about Rickman's expertise and plight, Cornelius arranged some donations of feed and hay to help see Rickman through the winter. The CHS board also expressed interest in researching the possibility of the Chickasaw Nation acquiring some of the horses.

Recently, Rickman has placed many horses in small increments, five here, twelve there. But he still needs to find homes for up to 100 head in his possession. He says he has always taken good care of all of the horses he had contact with and all of them have tested negative for diseases such as the deadly Equine Infectious Anemia, more widely known as EIA.

Rickman estimates that 100 or more mustangs are still on or in the vicinity of Blackjack Mountain, and he or sympathetic ranchers may capture some in the future. He won't say "liberated" because he believes that the ideal place for them is right where they are. But while it may be ideal, it is not the best, not as long as the company means to rid the timber land of them.

It was incredible to learn that wild horses still exist in Oklahoma. Unfortunately, I made the discovery about the Spanish Mustangs as commercial interests are threatening to curtail their freedom. As Rickman says, it reminds him of what happened more than a century ago to the former owners of the land, the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Those horses, Rickman says, are like remnants of the two tribal cultures still roaming on the land where their ancestors thrived for generations. But this probably won't last much longer.

Persons wanting to help preserve Spanish Mustangs may obtain more information by contacting Bryant Rickman at 580-743-1991. Much more news and information may be obtained on the website of the Southwest Spanish Mustang Association.

Mr. Rickman and Francine Locke Bray will present a program on the Spanish Mustangs of Blackjack Mountain at the Oklahoma Historical Society's Annual Meeting at the Choctaw Convention Center in Durant, OK April 30, from 8:45 a..m. to 10:15 a.m.

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· Establish mental and behavioral health programs beyond alcohol and substance abuse, such as fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and child sexual abuse prevention and domestic violence prevention programs.

· Establish demonstration projects that provide incentives to use innovative facility construction methods, such as modular component construction and mobile health stations, to save money and improve access to health care services.

· Require that the IHS budget account for medical inflation rates and population growth, in order to combat the dramatic underfunding of the Indian health system.

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